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**Valley Weekend**

Find out how Mon Valley residents spent their weekend.

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# 'Bonusgate' proving costly

Taxpayers first paid for hefty legislative staff bonuses and now are picking up the tab to help defend the lawmakers who approved the bonuses.

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HARRISBURG - Taxpayers are underwriting hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal and consultants' fees as a grand jury investigation into legislative bonuses unfolds.

Republicans and Democrats in the Senate and the House have hired outside law firms to represent them in the investigation by the state attorney general over whether bonuses were paid to staffers as compensation for campaign work.

The House Democrats have run up the largest bills so far - almost $500,000 in legal and consulting costs. It is unclear from House records what portion of that expenditure was strictly legal costs.

House Democrats have paid about $280,000 to Chadwick Associates, a risk management firm based in Washington that is headed by former state Inspector General Bill Chadwick, who has provided legal advice. He was hired in March and began providing legal advice in October.

House Democrats paid nearly $121,000 to Philadelphia law firm Obermayer Rebman Maxwell and Hippel, and $81,000 to the Downtown law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, House records show.

More than $3.6 million in bonuses were paid to legislative staffers in 2005 and 2006 - two-thirds of them by House Democrats.

Eckert Seamans represented the House Democrats in litigation related to a search warrant executed on the caucus in August, said Tom Andrews, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene County. The firm handled "important constitutional questions regarding the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government," Andrews said.

Robert Graci, a former Commonwealth Court judge and one-time deputy attorney general who

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*Associated Press*

**President Bush, accompanied by Vice President Dick Cheney, makes a statement on the economy Friday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. Acknowledging the risk of recession, Bush embraced about $145 billion worth of tax relief to give the economy a "shot in the arm."**

# Bush economic stimulus plan estimated to cost $145 billion

President says the country will be "just fine" is Congress adopts his program to jump start the lackluster economy.

**By ANDREW TAYLOR and DEB RIECHMANN**
*Associated Press Writers*

WASHINGTON — President Bush embraced as much as $150 billion in tax relief on Friday to jump start the lackluster economy. If Congress passes an economic stimulus package, the country will be "just fine," he said.

Bush said in a White House announcement that such a growth package must also include tax incentives for business investment and quick tax relief for individuals. To be effective, he said an economic stimulus package would need to roughly represent 1 percent of the gross domestic product — the value of all U.S. goods and services and the best measure of the country's economic standing.

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Later, visiting a manufacturing plant in Frederick, Md., about 50 miles north of Washington, Bush said: "We need to get this deal done and get it out."

"I believe we can come together on a growth package very quickly," the president said. Earlier, he had said, "There is a risk of a downturn."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said 1 percent of GDP would equate to $140 billion to $150 billion, which is along the lines of what private economists say should be sufficient to help give the economy a short-term boost.

Paulson said the largest part of the stimulus package would be targeted to individual taxpayers. One Republican official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush was hoping to target about $100 billion toward individuals and about $50 billion toward businesses.

"The cost of not acting has become too high," Paulson said. "We must act now."

While Bush focused solely on taxes, Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress have been working on a broader package that also would include a temporary increase in food stamps and an extension of and per-

**(See ECONOMY, Page 2A)**

# GOP senators hire Pappert to defend them

Ex-attorney general to represent Republican senators during "bonusgate" grand jury probe.

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HARRISBURG - Senate Republicans have hired former state Attorney General Gerald Pappert to represent them in a grand jury investigation into whether state bonuses were paid to legislative staffers for help on campaigns.

Investigators for Attorney General Tom Corbett are looking at all four legislative caucuses in the Senate and House, Corbett has said. About $3.6 million in bonuses were awarded in all four caucuses in 2005 and 2006.

All four caucuses have engaged outside law firms, although no one has been charged.

Pappert, a Republican who served as attorney general from 2003 to 2005, is an attorney with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in Philadelphia, a law firm that once employed Gov. Ed Rendell.

Stephen MacNett, general counsel for Senate Republicans, said the caucus hired Pappert and James Rohn, of Conrad O'Brien Gellman & Rohn in Philadelphia.

The firms were hired "on the theory that the attorney general will be coming our way, and we want to do our best to be organized," said MacNett.

"We have been continuing to provide information, or prepare information we think they'll ask for."

Staff attorneys cannot handle the matter and have other responsibilities, he said.

No subpoenas have been served to the Senate GOP Caucus, according to MacNett.

House Democratic staffers have been subpoenaed and a search warrant was served in August for caucus records.

Pappert also served as first deputy in the Attorney General's Office from 1997-2003 under former Republican Attorney General Mike Fisher.

Pappert could not be reached for comment.

# 'Charleroi Madam' loses bid for ABC data

Court rules Deborah Palfrey can't use subpoenas to gather facts to help prepare for her upcoming criminal trial.

**By The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - A Charleroi native accused of running a high-end Washington prostitution ring cannot demand documents from ABC News as part of her defense strategy, a federal judge has ruled.

Deborah Palfrey provided ABC with exclusive access to her escort service's telephone records for a May segment of "20/20."

After combing through those records, reporters said they traced numbers back to a Justice Department prosecutor, NASA officials and military officers. None of the officials was named in the report.

Palfrey, who says she has been unable to locate those officials herself, subpoenaed ABC to see exactly what it uncovered. She contends those clients can verify that her company was an "erotic fantasy service," not a prostitution ring.

Lawyers for the network said Palfrey was just trying to piggyback on the journalists' investigation.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson ruled earlier this week that federal rules prohibit criminal defendants from using subpoenas merely to gather facts to help prepare for trial. He threw out the subpoena on Wednesday..

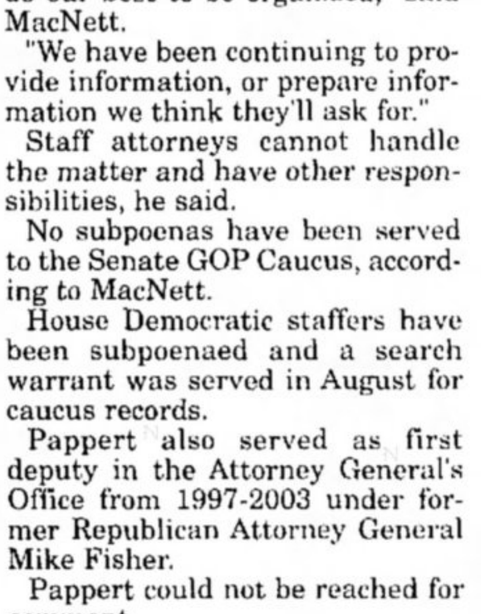
In July, Hustler magazine discovered Sen. David Vitter's phone number among the records. The Louisiana Republican quickly apologized for a "very serious sin in my past." Vitter nearly was forced to testify about his relationship with the service, but he was spared when a judge canceled the hearing.

Palfrey also fired her third lawyer Wednesday, and Robertson said she can represent herself.

Palfrey is facing federal racketeering and conspiracy charges for running what she says was a legal escort service. Prosecutors say the business netted more than $2 million from 1993 to 2006.

Palfrey moved to California from Florida more than 20 years ago. She moved to Florida in 1974 before graduating from Charleroi Area High School.

Several years ago, Palfrey established a Charleroi alumni Web site and, in 2006, offered to help Charleroi officials revitalize the borough.



Deborah Palfrey

VALLEY PEOPLE

# Opposition mounting to I-80 toll proposal

Alternative revenue sources are being reviewed.

By MARK SCOLFORO
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HARRISBURG (AP) — The law that authorized tolls on the Pennsylvania stretch of Interstate 80 remains on the books, but signs are emerging that suggest the plan may be in trouble.

A leading advocate of the tolls, Sen. Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, has been working on what he calls a "hybrid model" as an alternative to Interstate 80 tolls. As the Senate's top ranking Republican, Scarnati is in a prime position to undo the deal.

At the same time, Gov. Ed Rendell's staff has been evaluating companies interested in paying billions for a long-term lease of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a deal that would repeal the I-80 toll law, called Act 44. His office said Friday that a request for bids will go out in the next couple of months and in the next several months Rendell hopes to submit the best offer to the Legislature.

Bills to repeal I-80 tolls are in the works, and on Thursday the House Democrats said they were commissioning a study of a potential turnpike lease in case they are forced to consider one.

"This is certainly, by all means, a great indication that the Legislature now — six, seven months after — finally realizes that tolling Interstate 80 and Act 44 are not good business," said Travis J. Windle, communications director for U.S. Rep. John Peterson, R-Pa., a leading I-80 toll opponent.

The tolling law, which Rendell signed in July, requires federal approval before the state can begin collecting fares on the interstate that bisects the northern half of the state. Together with higher turnpike tolls, it would generate nearly a billion dollars annually over the next decade for Pennsylvania's crumbling highways and bridges and struggling mass transit agencies.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission would collect the tolls under a long-term deal with the state Transportation Department.

Rep. Joe Markosek, D-Allegheny, chairman of the Transportation Committee and an architect of the tolling plan, said he believes quiet support remains for the deal, despite months of public hearings during which people who live near I-80 have complained bitterly about the tolls.

"It passed relatively comfortably, and while there may be a few votes that have shifted, I don't see a significant number that have shifted," he said.

## Yesteryear

**Pictured from left on Fifth Street, Donora, in January 1943 are Steve Mitch, Joe Mitch, Steve Baran holding Richard Baran, and Ed Zdilla.**

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# Economy (FROM PAGE ONE)

haps increase in unemployment benefits.

The president and Congress are scrambling to take action as fears mount that a severe housing slump and painful credit crisis could cause people to close their wallets and businesses to put a lid on hiring, throwing the nation into its first recession since 2001.

"Letting Americans keep more of their money should increase consumer spending," Bush said.

He outlined several criteria for the package to meet: It must be "big enough to make a difference in an economy as large and dynamic as ours," it must be built on "broad-based tax relief," it must take effect right away but be temporary, and it must not include any tax increases.

Specifically, he called for tax incentives for businesses, including small companies, to make new and major investments this year. "Giving them an incentive to invest now will encourage business owners to expand their operations, create new jobs and inject new energy into our economy in the process," Bush said.

He also called for tax relief for individuals — probably to come in the form of one-time rebates. But he did not say what size checks Americans would get or the amount of other tax incentives that could be in the package. Nor did Bush detail how the nation would pay for such a plan.

"Americans can spend this money as they see fit: to help meet their monthly bills, cover higher costs at the gas pump, pay for other basic necessities," he said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has talked of a package totaling $100 billion or more. House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio spoke of a bill in the range of $100 billion to $150 billion. Aides have said Bush does not believe the stimulus spending should be offset — or paid for — by any tax or spending changes elsewhere. Some deficit hawks want this but it isn't expected to be part of any package.

Speaking for about seven minutes, Bush called passing a growth package "our most pressing economic priority."

He acknowledged Americans' fears, while defending the economy's fundamental strength and its continued growth — albeit slower.

"We're in the midst of a challenging period," Bush said. "And I know that Americans are concerned ... But our economy has seen challenging times before. It is resilient."

Paulson said the markets are due for a needed correction, and that swift, temporary action by the government can help lessen the impact on individuals and the economy as a whole.

Bush has gone down the tax rebate road before. Back in 2001, he added refunds of up to $300 per individual and $600 per household as a recession-fighting element of the tax cut plan that had been the centerpiece of his 2000 campaign.

Economists said a reasonable range for tax cuts in the new package might be $500 to $1,000. Congressional aides said the White House plan is looking at rebates of up to $800 for individuals and $1,600 for married couples, but Paulson said the administration wants to be "intentionally not specific" in public to avoid poisoning the well with Congress.

Bush first signaled his support for the approach of income tax rebates for people and tax breaks for business investment in a conference call Thursday with bipartisan congressional leaders.

Democratic congressional leaders agree that tax relief should be in the package, but are working on a broader measure. Lawmakers are discussing a $500 rebate for individuals, said aides to lawmakers involved in the talks, with details for couples and people with children still being negotiated. The rebates would likely be limited to individuals with incomes of $85,000 or less and couples with incomes of $110,000 or less, the aides said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no final decisions had been made.

Senior aides to House Democrats and Republicans said the measure also would contain tax breaks for businesses investing in new equipment, increases in food stamps, and higher unemployment benefits. They spoke on condition of anonymity, since the talks are ongoing and lawmakers have promised not to reveal details.

Pelosi says she wanted legislation enacted within a month. "Democrats welcome President Bush's willingness to work together with Congress to provide urgent relief to the millions of Americans facing economic hardships," she said. "Now we will work together on the details."

Paulson indicated that the White House approach would not include rebates or relief for those who do not pay income taxes. He also signaled Bush's distaste for non-tax-related ideas, saying the White House goal is simplicity and speed. "We're not looking to decorate a Christmas tree," Paulson said.

White House estimates show that a stimulus in the range of what Bush talked about could create 500,000 additional jobs this year, Paulson said.

White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Bush chose to lay out "principles" with few specifics to the American people now, while bipartisan negotiations with Capitol Hill continue privately. The White House feels Bush was out of the mix for too long, because he was away for eight days in the Mideast while Democratic leaders talked almost daily about the need to stimulate the economy — and how.

So the White House scheduled two appearances by Bush on the economy Friday. At the lawn equipment manufacturer in Frederick, he toured assembly lines and briefly — and playfully — operated a standing lawnmower.

"While there's some uncertainty right now, if we act quickly and in a smart way, that helps growth. We're gonna be just fine," he said.

Bush said he also wants all of his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts made permanent. But, with most of the Democrats who control Congress opposing that, the White House has said it regards that issue as separate from the stimulus effort.

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>
> PRESIDENT BUSH

# Bonusgate (FROM PAGE ONE)

is with Eckert Seamans, argued the House Democrats' unsuccessful case to quash subpoenas last summer.

The Obermayer firm has been working with Chadwick on legal matters related to the investigation, Andrews said. Former Acting Pennsylvania Attorney General Walter Cohen of Obermayer has assisted Chadwick.

Chadwick Associates "has recovered and is searching millions of paper and electronic documents to assist the Attorney General's Office in identifying those relevant to the investigation," Andrews said.

Chadwick Associates also has helped identify millions of dollars of cost savings and better business practices within the House Democratic Caucus, DeWeese said.

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No subpoenas have been served on the Senate Republican Caucus, according to MacNett. There are no costs reported yet in the Senate GOP Caucus.

The House Republicans paid $18,400 to Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, a Pittsburgh law firm, to review a subpoena for records in October and to prepare documents for the attorney general, said GOP spokesman Stephen Miskin.

The Senate Democrats spent "a few thousand" in hiring attorneys Brian Cali, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, and Sal Cognetti, a former federal prosecutor from Scranton, in connection with the bonus probe, said Charles Tocci, a caucus spokesman.

No subpoenas have been served on the caucus, he said.

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# Valley briefs

## Nine arrested on gambling charges

Federal authorities have filed charges against nine members of an alleged Washington County gambling ring.

They are accused of being part of an illegal operation involved in sports betting, a numbers-betting game based on the Pennsylvania Lottery and a ticket-drawing scheme, from 2002-06.

Manuel "Manny" Lemonakis, 79, of Canonsburg, was the first to be charged this week. A plea hearing is scheduled for Feb. 15 before U.S. District Judge David S. Cercone.

Lemonakis' attorney, Christopher Blackwell, of Washington, said his client and some of the others charged testified before a federal grand jury investigating major participants in a Canonsburg gambling ring.

"This wasn't some big gambling ring," Blackwell said. "They weren't making any money on this."

The criminal information lists three people identified by the initials AC, EL and JG. Prosecutors claim AC and EL "owned an illegal gambling business" that grossed more than $2,000 on some days.

In 2006, federal prosecutors seized property from Allan "Mike" Campbell and Edward Lazorchak, who ran an illegal gambling business from 1992 to June 2006, according to court documents. Campbell and Lazorchak ran a ticket-selling scheme, charging $100 per ticket, which was based on the state lottery, prosecutors said in a forfeiture complaint.

Court records filed this week claim that AC and EL received $75,000 per ticket drawing.

Neither Campbell nor Lazorchak have been charged with federal crimes.

Also charged were: Ross Jicomelli, Joseph Selva, John "Jack" Glass, Leonard Patnesky, Robert Arrigo, Edmond Alan Cononge, Georgiana "Ashlee" Gebhardt and Kim E. "Maxine" Zullo. Their ages and residency were not provided.

Each of the defendants, including Lemonakis, is charged with conspiracy to conduct an illegal gambling organization and money laundering.

## Smithton man sues over dog attack

A Westmoreland County man arrested by Uniontown city police in 2006 for disorderly conduct and taunting a police dog has filed a federal lawsuit against the city, claiming police unlawfully ordered the dog to attack him.

Stephen Keith, 32, of 179 Ashby Ford Road, Smithton, filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court, alleging he continues to suffer from the attack.

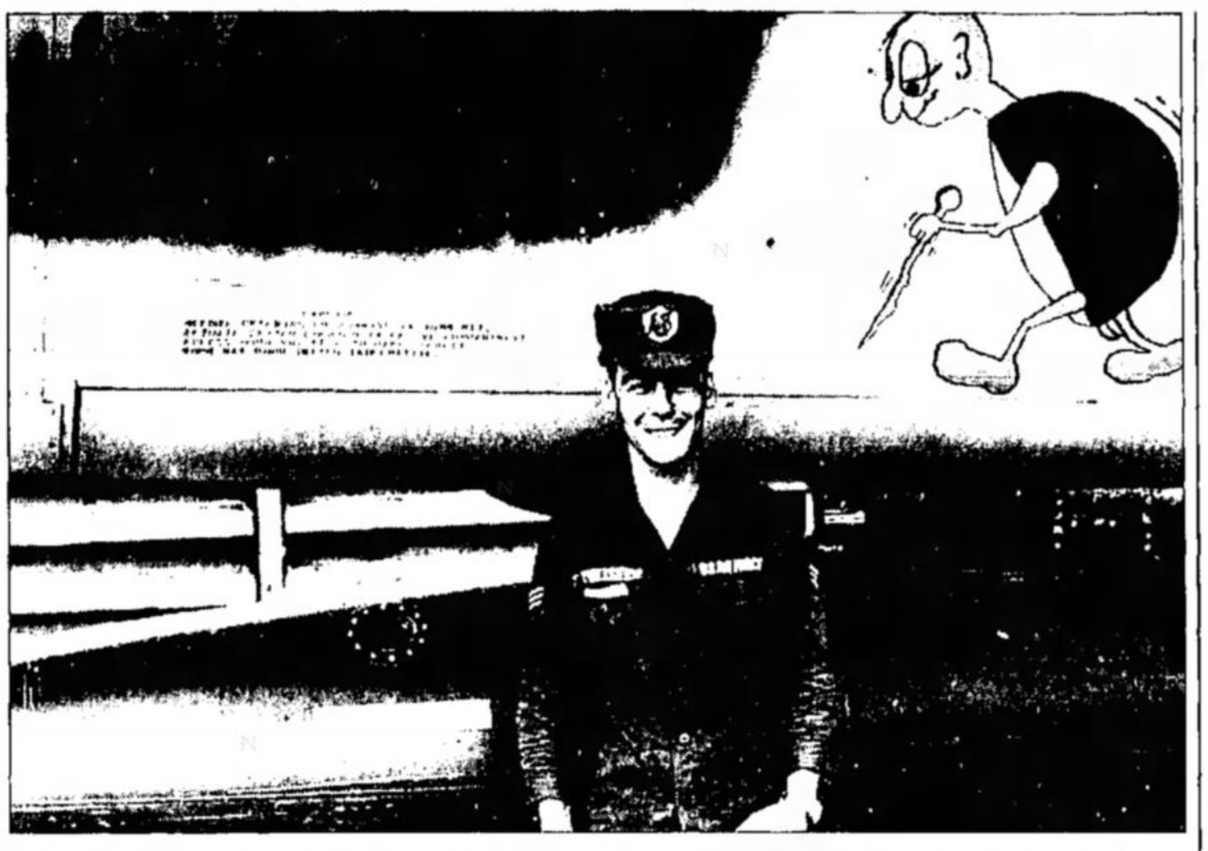
He also alleges that the Oct. 5, 2006, arrest in a parking lot near Midtown Foodland at 85 West Main St. violated his constitutional right to free speech.

Keith claims that police used unreasonable force by using the canine when they responded to a complaint about people gathering outside the grocery store.

When Keith complained about the treatment he was getting from police, the lawsuit claims, officers handcuffed him and "ordered the police dogs to attack (Keith)."

Keith said he required medical treatment at The Uniontown Hospital after the incident and still suffers pain from the injuries.

Keith is seeking unspecified damages.



**Eugene Molisee, a former Van Voorhis resident who graduated from Charleroi High School in 1963, is shown with one of the aircraft he helped maintain at Korat Air Base in Thailand during his lengthy Air Force career. Now residing in Ray City, Ga., Molisee retired in May - 18 years after he left the Air Force.**

# Much-traveled area native tries easing into retirement

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A weekly look at people who left the Valley

Eugene Molisee admits he is trying to get used to retirement for the first time in his life, 18 years after he ended a well-traveled military career.

Molisee enjoys woodworking in his shop in Ray City, Ga.

His home is only a few miles from the Air Force base which he kept coming back to when not serving his country overseas. It is just a few miles from where he met his wife.

As a teen, Molisee was the first newspaper boy for *The Valley Independent* in his Van Voorhis neighborhood.

A 1963 Charleroi High School graduate, Molisee enlisted in the Air Force on Nov. 13, 1963.

Molisee attended boot camp at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas and technical school at Amarillo Air Force base in Texas, where he learned jet aircraft maintenance.

His first assignment was at Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga., or "about seven miles down the road from here," Molisee said, speaking from his home in Ray City, Ga.

"I married a local girl."

Moody and a buddy were having a bite to eat at "The Hitchin' Post," a drive-through restaurant, when two young women drove up. He struck up a conservation with one woman named Vivian.

"It was love at first sight," Molisee said of his wife of 42 years.

Married in 1965, Molisee was transferred to Korat Air Base in Thailand in 1966, serving the first of two tours in support of the Vietnam War.

Molisee did mechanical work on the "Wild Weasel." These aircraft had the task of searching and destroying Viet Cong surface-to-air missile installations. Specifically, he was a mechanic for a F105 Thundercat.

In 1967, he was transferred to Myrtle Beach, S.C., but by January 1968, he would be again serving in Southeast Asia, this time at Phucat, Vietnam.

It was there that Molisee saw the most enemy action.

"We got attacked all the time," Molisee said. "The bunkers were at the end of the runway. It was a matter of getting to the end of the runway.

"They always tried to get into our runway. It was a scary feeling. I was never wounded – just scared."

Molisee did have his close calls.

One time a booby-trapped rifle exploded in the mess hall just 15 feet from Molisee.

"You didn't know who was north and south Vietnam," Molisee said of the workers on the base.

He again served in Myrtle Beach, this time until 1971.

He would be sent to Moody Air Force Base before being sent to Okinawa, where he served until 1975.

His unit flew no hostile missions while Molisee was in Okinawa. Instead, it helped train American pilots. But while there, he saw American prisoners of war pass through on their way home from Vietnam.

After a year in Korea, he was sent to Williams Air Force Base in Arizona in 1977.

He would eventually return to Moody Air Force base, with stops in Bentwaters, England, and Cairo, Egypt, sandwiched around

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# Literacy Council fades into history

"People just weren't interested any more," said council president Dorothy Vogel. "So we decided to close it."

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MONESSEN - After nearly 25 years of service to the community, the Mid-Mon Valley Literacy Council is no more.

The council, which enjoyed many success stories in its history of helping to teach area citizens how to read, closed its services at the end of 2007.

A branch of the Westmoreland County Literacy Council, the local group had its start in Monessen in 1984 under the leadership of Yvonne Grandy and S. Fred Natale of the Monessen Library and District Center.

The local chapter's teachings were under the Laubach Literacy Association, with the purpose to recruit and tutor undereducated adults in reading, writing and spelling, as well as speaking other languages.

The Mid-Mon Valley Literacy Council was a non-profit organization composed of volunteer members recruited from all areas adjacent to both sides of the Monongahela River from New Eagle to California.

At one time, the council had 40 tutors and as many students in its program. Plus, there was a waiting list of people waiting to be taught.

However, in recent years, the interest in both those wanting to tutor and wanting to learn to read and write cut into the council.

By the time the council's final months dwindled down in 2007, the council had just two tutors and two students active.

"A couple of years ago, people wanted me to close the council, but I held out hope that things would pick up," said Dorothy Vogel, who held the title of president of the council from 1999-2007.

"But I guess people just weren't interested any more," she added.

"So, in December, we decided to close it."

Vogel said shutting down the literacy council in the area was a tough decision for her because she said she is certain there is still a huge need for the service locally.

"I know a lot of people can't read, but I guess most of them are too ashamed to admit it and ask for help," she said.

When the number of tutors and students dwindled in 2000, the local council held a huge drive to increase participation.

The Monessen library, as well as *The Valley Independent* and the Mon Valley Progress Council, played large roles in the push.

And while there was a brief spark, the interest again waned.

"People are just too busy to volunteer to tutor and people who need the help are too embarrassed to admit it," said Jean Careatti, the council's vice-president and treasurer.

I Made A Mistake And Now My Company's Left With 31 Furnaces That Need To Be Sold Within 6 Weeks

Normally I've been fairly conservative when I place winter orders for furnaces, but I guess this year I got a little too aggressive. However, I had two good reasons. The end of last year was extremely busy compared to our previous year and I knew the newest furnaces would save even more energy than the ones from the previous year. So, now it has turned out that I ordered more than we needed.

In some industries, this wouldn't be any big deal, but the heating industry is different. You see, this is a very seasonal business. The odds are that if the 31 systems in our inventory don't sell within the next 6 weeks, I'll be left carrying many of them until Fall of 2008...So, here's what we have decided to do in hopes of selling all of these units.

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If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer on one of the 31 systems, you can call **JED Heating and Cooling** at **724-379-9220** and schedule your free, no obligation survey. Just ask for Gloria and she will schedule a time for Jim to come to your home.

My mistake has created a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in either an air conditioner or a heater. Just think, you can save all this money but still enjoy the benefits of reducing your utility cost and eliminating all your repair bills, plus you can finance your system with no money down...Please don't forget, this opportunity is only available to 31 homeowners. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Delattre, President

*P.S.* Six months from now, this will probably be the most appreciated offer ever extended to homeowners in the Mon Valley. Every one of the owners will have an almost unfair advantage over their utility companies.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**FERRARI** — Lillian A. Ferrari, 93, of Bentleyville, on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

**VUGRINOVICH** — Michael Vugrinovich, 91, of Finleyville, on Thursday, Jan. 17. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

**PREVIOUS DEATHS**
**HEATH**, William R.*
**MOFFIT**, JoAnn*
**TAYLOR**, Joye K.*
* See death notice

### Lillian A. Ferrari
**Bentleyville**

Funeral services and interment were held Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Monongahela Cemetery for Lillian A. Cristina Ferrari, 93, of Bentleyville, who passed away Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, in IHS Greenery Specialty Care, Canonsburg. Born Jan. 5, 1915, in Bentleyville, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Sadie Crompton Cristina. A 1933 graduate of Bentleyville High School, she was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Monongahela and its Altar Rosary Christian Mothers. For 13 years, she worked at the former Business Forms Inc. in Monongahela. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Sandra Ferrari, of Pittsburgh, and Michael and Janice Ferrari, of Chicago, Ill.; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Michael R. Ferrari, on April 2, 1983; one brother, Fred Cristina; and two sisters, Violet Sicchitano and Sarah Salata-Bindi. Arrangements were handled by the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, Monongahela.

*Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.*

### William R. Heath
**North Belle Vernon**

William R. Heath, 91, of North Belle Vernon, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. A complete obituary will be published Monday. The FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, (724-929-5300), www.fergusonfuneralhomeandcrematory.com, is handling arrangements.

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### JoAnn Moffit
**Charleroi**

JoAnn Moffit, 73, of Charleroi, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born March 1, 1934, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Paul and Mary Miklos Frantz. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Carl Braunegg, of Harrisburg, and Juliann and Doug Hawk, of Charleroi; one brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Stella Frantz, of Charleroi; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Margaret Luzansky, of Belle Vernon, Sister Angeline O.S.F., of Bellevue, and Bernice and Frank Petrarca, of McDonald; three grandchildren, Grace, Rose and Benjamin Hawk; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Moffit; her son, Thomas Moffit; five brothers, Paul Jr., Rudolph, Bernard, William and Albert Frantz; and two sisters, Helen Woytovich and Mary Gunchuck. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, and interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

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### Joye K. Taylor
**Rostraver Township**

Joye K. Taylor, 69, of Rostraver Township, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Brownsville on March 17, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Karl and Pearl Thomas Wise. A homemaker, Joye was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Rostraver Township. She is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Taylor; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Vanessa Taylor, of Spotsylvania, Va., Ronald C. and Cindy Taylor, of Belle Vernon, and Lee and Donna Taylor, of Allison; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deana and Ted Sobek, of Perryopolis, Cindy and Kevin Granato, of Coal Center, and Jodi and Gary Evans, of Belle Vernon; 13 grandchildren, Melody, Jill and Daniel Taylor, Jennifer and Kelsey Taylor and Ryan Chapman, Shaye, Ashton and Braden Taylor, Alexa Sobek, Natalie and Brandon Granato, and Ellie Evans; one brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Ruth Wise, of Warsaw, Ind.; a special aunt, June Hess; nephew, Steven and Charlotte Wise; and numerous other nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Family and friends are asked to gather at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in Olive Branch Baptist Church for a funeral service with the Rev. George Lammay and the Rev. Norman Melser co-officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

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### Michael Vugrinovich
**Finleyville**

Michael Vugrinovich, 91, of Finleyville, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh. Born Sept. 9, 1916, in Hackett, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eva Rostov Vugrinovich. When Michael was 15, he drove a delivery truck at the former Cushey's Beer Distributor in Finleyville. He also worked for a short time at the Montour Four coal mine and, for the next 30 years, was employed at the Dreschler Cabinet Co. in Elrama. Michael retired in 1991 after working for 15 years with his sons at DARKA Construction Co. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Finleyville and a long-time member of Hackett Hall, the Finleyville Moose Lodge and the Finleyville American Legion Post No. 613. Michael also enjoyed fishing. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael A. and Darlene Vugrinovich and John J. and Kathy Vugrinovich, of Monongahela; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy A. and Raymond Berisko, of North Olmsted, Ohio; one sister, Frances Fassbach, of Monongahela; six grandchildren, Jeffrey A. Michael Fuehrer, Johna Simpson, Michael A. Vugrinovich Jr., Michelle Vivio and Danielle Vugrinovich; and six great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife, Loretta M. Solomon Vugrinovich; one son, who died in infancy; three brothers, George, Michael and Joseph Vugrinovich; and five sisters, Mary Cunko, Anna Michic, Helen Greer, Eva Hamilton and Margaret Spiegel. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Monday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. with Fr. Robert Boyle as celebrant. Interment will follow in Finleyville Cemetery.

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**State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, obtained a $5,000 grant for the Fayette City Recreation programs. With the check, from left, are Harhai, Councilwoman Diane Vargo and Councilman Jim Eley.**

# Ernie Holmes killed in crash

Ex-Steelers great died on a Texas highway at age 59.

**By The Associated Press**

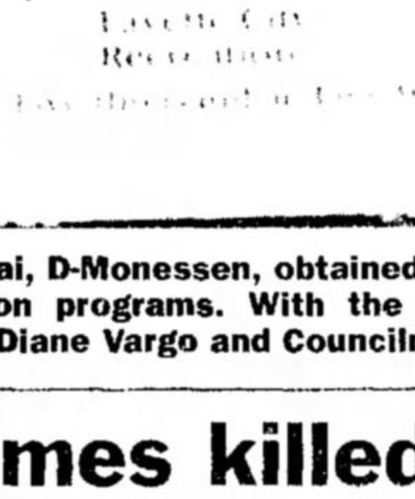
DALLAS — Ernie Holmes settled into a quiet life as a preacher in rural Texas after his "stone crazy" days with Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defenses.

Holmes, a two-time Super Bowl champion with the Steelers, died Thursday night after his car left a road and rolled several times near Lumberton, about 80 miles from Houston, a Texas Department of Public Safety dispatcher said.

He was 59.

Holmes, driving alone and not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and died at the scene, the department said.

The Steelers remembered him as a devastating and intimidating force on a defense full of them. He also had his moments off the field.



Ernie Holmes

Holmes told *Time* magazine in 1975 that he was "stone crazy," mostly because of a case early in his career when he pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon following a bizarre episode in which he fired a pistol at trucks and a police helicopter.

He was sentenced to five years' probation.

"Ernie was an original. He was out there," said former Steelers receiver Lynn Swann, a teammate on Super Bowl-winning teams following the 1974 and '75 seasons.

"In today's environment, he may have spent a few hours in the commissioner's office."

Nicknamed "Fats" for most of his life, Holmes played for the Steelers from 1972-77 before being released because of ongoing weight problems.

He was part of a famous front four that included "Mean" Joe Greene, L.C. Greenwood and Dwight White.

"Ernie was one of the toughest players to ever wear a Steelers uniform," Steelers chairman Dan Rooney said in a statement. "At his best, he was an intimidating player who even the toughest of opponents did not want to play against."

After football, Holmes had minor acting roles.

He appeared in an episode of the 1980s TV show "The A-Team" and dabbled in professional wrestling.

Eventually, though, he settled down on a ranch near tiny Wiergate, a town of 461 close to the Louisiana border.

He was an ordained minister, had his own church and told the Steelers he was a more "spiritual being."

# Export (FROM PAGE THREE)

the domestic assignment.

In Cairo, he served as a technical assistant, advising the Egyptians on aircraft.

He would return to Moody in 1984, where he retired Feb. 1, 1990.

But retirement did not come easy for Molisee.

He owned and operated a hardware store in Ray City from 1990 to 2000. He then managed a company for seven years before finally retiring for good on May 31, 2007.

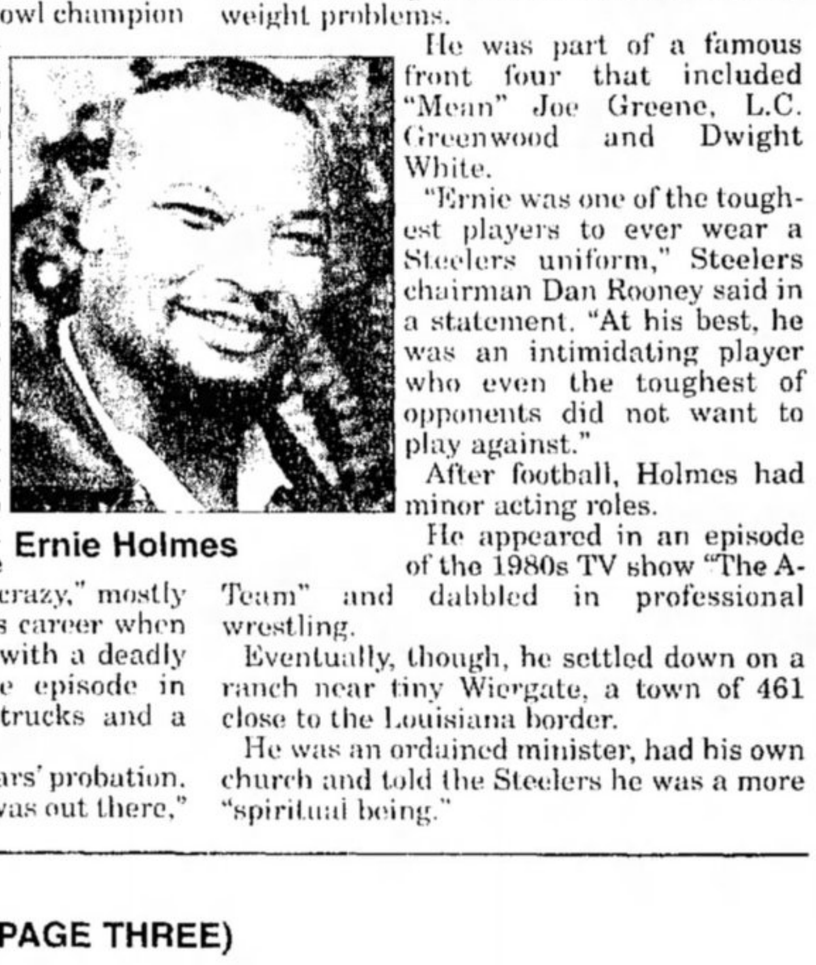
Molisee and his wife have a daughter, Teresa Bullard, who lives in Ray City as does their three grandchildren, Kelly, Kayla and Jamie. Their son, William, also lives in Georgia.

Molisee still comes home to the Valley.

He attended the Veterans Day Parade in Monongahela in November and spoke to students in Charleroi.

He also takes those opportunities to visit family here.

His sister and brother-in-law, Noreen and Peter Yakich, reside in Charleroi, while another sister, Barbara Hartman, lives in Fallowfield Township.



Eugene and Vivian Molisee

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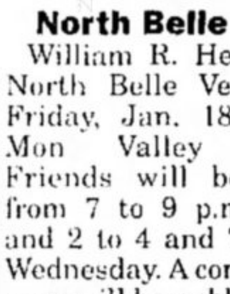

**ALBERT A. MOLLIS**

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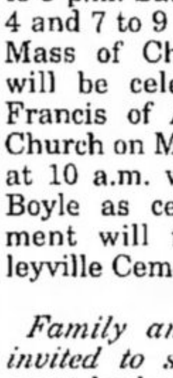
"And now, Brothers & Sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died, so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes back, God will bring back with Jesus all the born-again believers who have died." I Thessalonian 4:13-14.

How fast a year goes by & yet the death of our wonderful, beloved Dad, Granddad, Great-Granddad & Friend, Albert, is still one of the greatest cause of sorrow because we do miss him so much! Dad lived & worked in Charleroi all of his 91 years of life & started with my Mom & Joe Stankewicz in 1954 & started & owned Marsh Tire Service & ran it for 50 years. A stable rock in a small caring community. He was also V.P. of Allied Tire Company & perhaps their picture is not hanging in the building anymore, but the memory of him going to work day after day in his yellow or red truck providing for his family is still there. I don't want anyone to forget his dedication & love. He gave everything to us, including his hearing (he was almost deaf due to changing of tires & the noise) & his arthritic hands - his friends at McDonald's knew what a caring & consistent man who loved Jesus Christ with his whole heart. The Covenant Church of Belle Vernon knew of his 40 or more years of dedication to that church as an Elder & the Full Gospel Businessmen knew him as President & the Gideon Bibles as a faithful worker - he was my rock & he is what makes one smile warmly each memory of all the generous things he did for his wife Anna Marie, his family & friends.

*So sadly missed - we love you so much, Dad. From Daughters, Son, Grandkids, Great-Grandkids, Sister & Family & Friends*

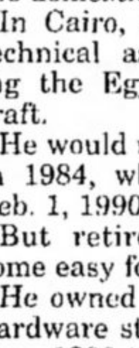
In Memory Of
**Wendell J. Amalong & Julia Seykoski**

A Birthday Tribute tomorrow, January 20, in loving memory of my beloved parents, Wendell J. Amalong and Julia Seykoski.
*Sadly missed and loved by daughter Gloria*



In Memory Of
**Don Leyda**

**A Birthday Tribute, January 18, in loving memory of our "Boss", Don Leyda.**
***If only you could be with us on this your special day, we'd all be at the home with you to celebrate your birthday. But since God took you from us all, up to the Heavens so blue, we hope you hear all of us now singing "Happy Birthday" to you.***
***Loved and sadly missed by all of the employee's at Flo's PCH***



In Memory Of
**Don Leyda**

**A Birthday Tribute, January 18th, in loving memory of our beloved husband & father, Don Leyda. Today is your birthday, without candles and cake, and since you're not with us, we won't celebrate. On a sad day like this, there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant us one wish and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday" to you.**
***Loved & Sadly Missed wife Rae Dawn & daughter Dawn***

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In Memory Of
**Frances Sickles**

In loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Frances Sickles, who passed away 5 years ago today, January 19, 2003.
Memories are treasures no one can steal, death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Loved dearly in life and living yet, in the hearts of the ones who will never forget.
*Sadly missed and loved by Harley Sickles & Family & Donald Sickles & Family*

In Memory Of
**Ronald A. Black**

In loving memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Ronald A. Black, who passed away 12 years ago today, January 19, 1996.
Time takes away the edge of grief, but memory turns back every leaf. Sunshine fades and shadows fall, but sweet remembrance outlasts all.
*Forever missed and loved by Wife Viola, Children Blane and Greg & their Families.*

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2008. There are 347 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**

On Jan. 19, 1807, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

**On this date:**

■ In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

■ In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

■ In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

■ In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

■ In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

■ In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

■ In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight Eisenhower.

■ In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

■ In 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

■ In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Gerald Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

■ **Ten years ago**: During a ceremony in Atlanta commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Vice President Gore announced that the Clinton administration would propose increasing spending on civil rights by $86 million. "Rockabilly" pioneer Carl Perkins died in Jackson, Tenn., at age 65.

■ **Five years ago**: President Fidel Castro and millions of other Cubans voted in parliamentary elections where all 609 candidates ran uncontested. The Oakland Raiders won the AFC title game, beating the Tennessee Titans 41-24. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers took the NFC Championship game, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10. At the Golden Globe Awards, "Chicago" won best musical-comedy and "The Hours" claimed best drama.

■ **One year ago**: Former Republican Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for his role in a lobbying scandal. Denny Doherty, a member of the 1960s folk-rock group the Mamas and the Papas, died near Toronto at age 66.

*Associated Press*

**Traders look on at the Chicago Board of Trade as President Bush delivers his economic message Friday from the White House. Bush, acknowledging the risk of recession, embraced about $145 billion worth of tax relief Friday to give the economy a "shot in the arm."**

# Wall Street cool to Bush plan

Market caps rough week with modest decline as stimulus plan draws little reaction.

**By MADLEN READ**
*AP Business Writer*

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a painful week with another decline Friday as skittish investors unable to hold on to much optimism about the economy drew little comfort from President Bush's stimulus plan.

The day's trading reflected how fractious Wall Street has been in the new year. Investors pulled back from a big early advance, with the major indexes trading mixed as Bush began to speak. By the time the president finished announcing a plan for about $145 billion worth of tax relief, the indexes were well into negative territory.

"It's disappointed in the size of the economic growth package. Wall Street's showing its displeasure," said Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh.

"Honestly, I think the institutional investors understand the limits to the government's ability to enact economic change."

Coming after Bush's announcement, Friday's pullback made it clear that the stock market is in for a protracted period of uncertainty and continued declines.

Investors have shrugged off all the positive signs they've received in recent days, including assurances last week from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that the Fed is ready to act aggressively — which means a likely big interest rate cut later this month — to help support an economy pummeled by devastation in the housing and credit markets.

Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co., contends Wall Street remains concerned about whether other economic troubles are lurking.

"It's a culmination of factors that have been in existence for a while — it's the unknown," he said.

The market will likely need a long string of upbeat economic and corporate reports before it can regain its footing — and with the economy clearly weak right now, it is likely to be a while before that kind of data becomes available.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average, which was up more than 180 points early in the session, fell 59.91, or 0.49 percent, to 12,099.30. The Dow plunged 306 points Thursday amid deepening pessimism about the economy.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.06, or 0.60 percent, to 1,325.19, while the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index dropped 6.88, or 0.29 percent, to 2,340.02.

For the week, the Dow and the Nasdaq lost 4 percent, while the S&P 500 gave up 5.4 percent. In the 13 trading sessions of the 2008, the Dow has lost nearly 9 percent, while the S&P has fallen 9.75 percent and the Nasdaq nearly 12 percent.

The week's sell-off left the Dow and the S&P 500 well below their October highs — which had the Dow at a record trading high of 14,198.09. The Dow has fallen more than 2,000 points, or 14.6 percent, while the S&P 500 is down nearly 240 points, or 15.3 percent.

Disappointment with Bush's plan came as investors were searching for those companies that might be weathering the economic slowdown well.

Some are indeed doing better than expected — like International Business Machines Corp., which told Wall Street late Thursday to raise its 2008 profit estimates for the tech company, and General Electric Co., which posted a fourth-quarter profit rise Friday.

But many others are struggling. Washington Mutual Inc. reported a steep loss late Thursday for the fourth quarter, as Citigroup Inc. and Merrill Lynch did earlier in the week. With the banking industry trying to fix its shrinking portfolios and preparing for more distress in consumer debt, the economy may only have the government to fall back on — and Wall Street didn't hear as much as it wanted from Bush.

In addition, many investors have been hoping that the Federal Reserve would put in place an intra-meeting rate cut before the central bank's next monetary policy meeting Jan. 29-30. "The market is saying to the Fed: we want a rate cut and we want it now. The fact that it is not getting a rate cut is causing a lot of selling that is feeding on itself," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Avalon Partners.

Government bond prices slipped. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.64 percent from 3.63 percent late Thursday.

On Thursday, a dismal reading on the Philadelphia Fed's manufacturing index and ratings agency downgrades of bond insurers sent the market tumbling. On Friday, a Bank of America Corp. analyst cut its ratings on three bond insurers — MBIA Inc., Ambac Financial Group and Security Capital Assurance Ltd. — to "neutral" from "buy."

MBIA fell 67 cents, or 7 percent, to $8.55 after a sharp drop Thursday.

Ambac rebounded from Thursday's drop, though, rising 34 cents, or 5.5 percent, to $6.58.

The company said Friday it will ditch its previous plan to raise $1 billion in capital, a decision many investors considered an ill-advised move to maintain its ratings.

## THE WORLD BRIEFLY

### E-mail conflicts start to surface

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House chart indicates no e-mail was archived on 473 days for various units of the Executive Office of the President, a House committee chairman says.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., says a White House spokesman's comments suggesting no e-mail had disappeared conflicted with what congressional staffers were told in September.

Waxman said he was scheduling a hearing for Feb. 15 and challenged the White House to explain spokesman Tony Fratto's remark that "we have absolutely no reason to believe that any e-mails are missing."

Fratto based his comment on the contents of a White House declaration filed in federal court casting doubt on the accuracy of a chart created by a former White House employee that points to a large volume of e-mail gone from White House servers.

### Clashes in Iraq leave 50 dead

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen from a messianic Shiite cult attacked police and worshippers preparing Friday for a major Shiite holiday, prompting fierce clashes that left nearly 50 people dead in a major test for Iraqi security forces in oil-rich southern Iraq.

Carrying yellow flags or wearing yellow headbands to show their allegiance to the Soldiers of Heaven cult, the gunmen attacked police stations and opened fire randomly on civilians in Basra and Nasiriyah.

### Israel pounds Hamas targets

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel sought to put an end to a surge in rocket attacks from Gaza, sending its air force Friday against a symbol of Hamas power in the heart of Gaza City and simultaneously choking off shipments of fuel and food across its border with the strip.

An Israeli warplane attacked the downtown offices of the Palestinian Interior Ministry, flattening one wing of the empty building, killing a woman at a wedding party next door and wounding at least 46 other civilians, some of them children playing soccer in the street, hospital staff and witnesses said.

The attack was the first on a ministry building since Hamas seized control of Gaza last June. An Israeli military commentator said it was meant to send a message to the violent Islamic group that further rocket attacks could cause the conflict to spiral.

### Tiger's victim admits taunting

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of the three victims of San Francisco Zoo tiger attack was intoxicated and admitted to yelling and waving at the animal while standing atop the railing of the big cat enclosure, police said in court documents.

Paul Dhaliwal, 19, told the father of Carlos Sousa Jr., 17, who was killed, that the three yelled and waved at the tiger but insisted they never threw anything into its pen to provoke the cat, according to a search warrant affidavit obtained by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

"As a result of this investigation, (police believe) that the tiger may have been taunted/agitated by its eventual victims," according to Inspector Valerie Matthews.

Police believe that "this factor contributed to the tiger escaping from its enclosure,"she said.

### TV news shows guests listed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Here's the guest lineup for Sunday's TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" — Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and David Axelrod, strategist for Sen. Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Edwards; Reps. James Clyburn, D-S.C., and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Mich.

"Fox News Sunday" — Former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

## 'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

Lottery officials said 71 players matched four numbers and won $490 each; 2,969 players matched three numbers and won $12.50 each; and 34,696 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers drawn Friday in the "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game were: 18-20-23-32-39.

Planning to Tie the Knot?

Our upcoming special section, Brides, was created especially for brides-to-be. Inside, you'll find features designed to help you plan the perfect wedding day and beyond. From the latest bridal fashions and flowers to financial planning advice, invitation etiquette and honeymoon hot spots, there's something for everyone ... including the groom.

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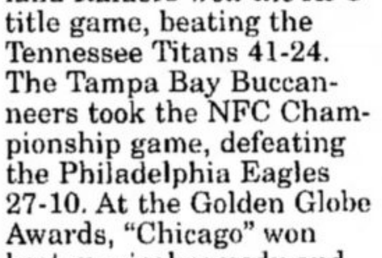

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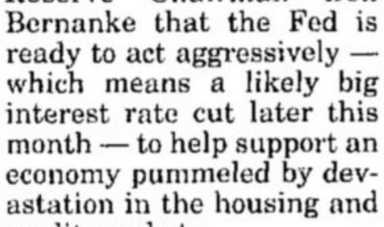

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# Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

To Gov. Ed Rendell for warning legislators this week that spending will have to be restrained this year. Rendell noted Pennsylvania no longer has a healthy surplus, and a rocky economic forecast will force the state to live more frugally. We wish Rendell luck with trying to hold down pork-barrel projects in an election year.

To Donora product and former Major League Baseball star Ken Griffey Sr., who is being honored tonight by the Ringgold Rams Club at a Willow Room banquet. Griffey will make an appearance today at the Donora Borough Building from 10 a.m. to noon, and the first 300 children to show up will receive a free autographed picture along with a hot dog and soda.

We also salute the achievements of some younger Valley athletes. This week, Charleroi's Dave Grillo became the first wrestler in school history to reach 100 wins, and Monessen senior Kelly Mornak scored her 1,000th point on the basketball court.

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## ANOTHER VIEW

***The (Scranton) Times-Tribune on Chief Justice Castille:***

New Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Ronald D. Castille assumed leadership Monday of an institution rich in history, the oldest appellate court in the United States. Well beyond his role in adjudicating cases, Chief Justice Castille's duty will be to make the court's current reputation commensurate with its historical stature. Given the judiciary's implication in the pay-raise debacle of 2005 and its long record of playing footsie with the Legislature on important issues of governance, that will not be easy.

Chief Justice Castille sounded the right notes in the weeks leading to his installation, and repeated the theme Monday in his inaugural address. Judges throughout the judiciary and, especially, on the Supreme Court he will head, Chief Justice Castille said, must leave behind party politics and partisanship in order to make the judiciary the truly independent branch of the government mandated by the state constitution.

Hear! Hear! Pennsylvania needs appellate courts untangled from other segments of the government. It is unlikely that a truly independent judiciary would have come up with a series of decisions upon which the Legislature has relied, for years, to operate for the sake of its own expediency rather than in accordance with procedures spelled out by the constitution.

The other branches of the state government should help Chief Justice Castille achieve his goal by finally severing the courts' umbilical cord to the Legislature for purposes of compensation. The Legislature has used its appropriations power over the years to diminish judicial independence, tying judicial compensation to its own, and often to parts of laws that, if overturned, also would diminish compensation.

The state should establish an independent means of setting judicial compensation, rather then leaving the courts beholden to the Legislature.

Chief Justice Castille should indeed encourage judges to assert their independence as a matter of their constitutional mandate. But it also should be a matter of practical commendation as well as constitutional principle.

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# Freshman class gets an 'F' — 'Ike' is MVP

Brad **BUMSTED**

Last year about this time, expectations were high for the 55 new members of the state House and Senate, many of whom were elected under the banner of reform in the aftermath of the 2005 legislative pay raise.

But last week Harrisburg activist Gene Stilp, a leading pay raise opponent, gave the majority of the class an "F."

With some notable exceptions, there's been a stampede among them to sign up for perks and pensions, Stilp said.

Among the House Democrats, there's been reluctance among freshmen to speak out against House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene County, in the face of a grand jury investigation of whether bonuses were paid to legislative staffers for political work, Stilp contends.

Stilp would himself get a failing grade in the eyes of many lawmakers who view him as a self-appointed critic running up the taxpayers' legal tab by filing an unending stream of fruitless lawsuits.

That said, Stilp's concern about the freshman class is not unfounded. Too few have been willing to stand up against their leaders and set examples with frugal spending.

Matthew Brouillette, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, is a little kinder.

He gives the freshman class is "C-minus — on a curve." There are lawmakers who earned A's and many who earned F's among the newbies, Brouillette said.

The four caucuses in Harrisburg are leadership driven, Brouillette said. It takes a lot to change things here. "You can become an army of one and accomplish absolutely nothing," he said. "Coalitions take time to build."

Sen. John Eichelberger, R-Altoona, and Sen. Mike Folmer, R-Lebanon County, get high grades among the freshmen, according to several reformers.

In my view, Eichelberger, who stood up to sharp criticism from veteran senators at a State Government Committee meeting last year for sticking to his guns on term limits, is the clear MVP of the freshman class.

He refuses to put out constituent newsletters — widely viewed as taxpayer-financed PR — and shuns those ridiculous and costly Senate calendars. His staff cleans the district offices to save on janitorial costs.

You won't get taxpayer-financed beverages in his office — most lawmakers' small refrigerators are packed. He was the first lawmaker to introduce a bill to ban legislative bonuses and launched the call for an investigation by the state attorney general.

According to his office, Eichelberger spent just over half of his expense budget, $13,558.27 out of the $25,000 allotted. He spent $1300 for postage out of a $26,500 account.

Folmer is turning down a state pension.

The runners up for MVP in my opinion are Democrats: Rep. Tom Mahoney, of Uniontown, and Rep. Gene DePasquale, of York.

With a singular focus, Mahoney has led the way on pushing for a stronger open records bill. He points out that some of the scandals burgeoning at the Capitol — like Bonusgate — could have been prevented with a stronger open records law.

DePasquale, with little fanfare, decided early last year to put his legislative expenses on the Internet – an unheard of step in a system where getting such records is often akin to working through the bureaucracy of the Kremlin.

After that we are at the margins with a handful of other freshmen lawmakers, many of them from Central Pennsylvania, getting passing grades.

*Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.*

# Mother-daughter gap

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

"I don't think this campaign is about gender," Hillary Clinton said on NBC's "Meet the Press." But of course gender is a critical factor, and she wants it to be. The only way she can win the Democratic nomination and the presidency is through the votes of women.

From the beginning, Clinton has calculated that if she could get her fellow females excited about making history, about breaking through the "highest and hardest glass ceiling," she could match the enthusiasm and energy generated by her chief opponent, Barack Obama. As she said in New Hampshire: "I think having the first woman president is a huge change with consequences across our country and the world."

So far, the results have been muddy. There is a gender gap among Democratic voters but also a generation gap and an economic gap. The "making history" argument is working better with mothers than with their daughters, better with poorer women than with their richer sisters.

Obama won the Iowa caucuses by running 5 percent ahead among women. The generation gap was distinct — only women over 65 voted heavily for Clinton. That gap reappeared in New Hampshire but the dividing line shifted sharply downward, to about age 40.

As a result, Clinton won women by 12 points, and since females made up 57 percent of the Democratic electorate, they easily erased Obama's 11-point advantage among men. The latest ABC/Washington Post national poll shows similar results.

Clinton's teary moment helped her, revealing a personal, even vulnerable, side. But she can't cry her way to the nomination. The debate among women reflects deep fault lines and different historical experiences.

Women who are Clinton's age (she's 60) fought the battles for gender equality and have the scars to prove it. For them, winning the White House has been a driving dream, a symbol of their struggle.

We belong to that generation. Our mothers were born before women could vote; we graduated from college before employment discrimination based on gender was outlawed. So we understand the emotions expressed by Marie Wilson, head of a program that trains women for leadership, who told author Suzanne Goldenberg: "We are still fighting against things that are deep in the culture, and she is the place where we have that conversation. ... Because she is the first, she has tested many of the issues that are really not about her but about the deeply cultural issues that have kept women out of leadership."

What's fascinating here is that older women are lecturing their daughters about the importance of Clinton's candidacy.

The Washington Post quoted Kirstin Neff, co-president of the College Democrats at Wellesley, Clinton's (and Cokie's) alma mater: "My mom didn't like hearing me talk about Obama much at all. She started telling me about how our generation takes for granted a lot of the advances that women have made. She told me what it was like in the '70s and '80s and, you know, the general feeling that you were never as good or as important as your brothers or the men you worked with."

That argument works with some women who are Neff's age, but falls flat with others. Their experience tells them that they are as good as their brothers, or classmates, or any other men.

They feel like equals and don't relate to the "making history" argument because they think that history has already been made. Or soon will be.

"It's like I'm ruining this great opportunity for women by not voting for her, but honestly I'm not too worried about that," said Ona Keller, Neff's co-president. "I don't think gender is a good enough reason on its own to vote for or against anybody. I'm sure there are going to be other women in my generation, soon, who are able to run for president. This isn't like our only chance."

Women voters reflect many factors apart from gender. Working-class females tend to favor Clinton, and feminist writer Gloria Steinem says you can tell a woman's politics by her shoes: "If she is wearing nurse's shoes or waitress' shoes, she supports Hillary."

But once Obama won Iowa, black women started moving toward him. As Scott Huffmon, a political-science professor at Winthrop College told The New York Times. "Some of the soft support for Hillary has been bleeding as African-Americans realized that Barack is viable even among whites."

So there are many gaps in Democratic ranks this year: gender and generation, race and wealth. But the conversation between mothers and daughters could well be the decisive one.

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## SCHOOL MENUS

**BELLE VERNON AREA**
**Breakfast**

Daily – Cereal, super bun or doughnut, toaster pastry, toasted bun/peanut butter, assorted juices, fruit, assorted milks.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Scrambled eggs and ham, wheat toast with butter and jelly, orange juice.

Wednesday – Applesauce, pancakes and sausage.

Thursday – Apple juice, breakfast pizza pocket.

Friday – Sliced peaches, French toast with syrup.

**Lunch**

Daily – Chef salad/roll, sliced turkey or ham/or peanut butter and jelly/or cheese on a roll, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, vegetable, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Baked chicken nuggets/hot roll, sweet and sour sauce, oven fries/catsup, steamed peas and carrots, chilled peaches.

Wednesday – Beef nachos/cheese, shredded lettuce/salsa, corn/hot roll, chilled applesauce.

Thursday – Baked fish sandwich (bun), pierogies, steamed green beans, chilled mixed fruit.

Friday – Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad with dressing, popcorn snack, chilled pears.

**CALIFORNIA AREA**
**Breakfast**

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Wheat toast, juice, funnel cake/powder sugar.

Wednesday – Cereal, juice, donut.

Thursday – Wheat toast, cereal, egg/sausage/cheese muffin.

Friday – Donut, cereal, juice.

**Lunch**

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, onion rings, assorted fruit.

Wednesday – Breakfast sausage pizza or garlic pizza, hash brown potato, assorted fruit.

Thursday – Pork roast, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, ice cream cup.

Friday – Macaroni and cheese, roll, peas and carrots, chocolate chip cookie, warm cinnamon applesauce.

**CHARLEROI AREA**
**Breakfast**

Daily – Cereal or yogurt with muffin, juice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Super doughnuts and graham crackers.

Wednesday – Breakfast pizza.

Thursday – Sausage biscuit.

Friday – Breakfast burrito.

**Lunch**

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Tacos with beef and cheese or cheeseburger on a bun, fresh salad, fruit sherbet.

Wednesday – Grilled chicken patty or turkey roll with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.

Thursday – Chef salad with roll or hot dog on a bun, fries, mandarin oranges, cookie.

Friday – Buffalo chicken pizza or tuna noodle casserole with wheat roll, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

**GEIBEL CATHOLIC**
**Lunch**

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Stromboli with sauce, green beans, dessert.

Wednesday – BBQ rib sandwich, pickle spears, French fries, dessert.

Thursday – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert.

Friday – Wiener wrap, tater tots, baked beans, dessert.

**MADONNA CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL**
**Breakfast**

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Pancakes.

Wednesday – Sausage and cheese bagel.

Thursday – French toast sticks.

Friday – Egg and cheese bagel.

**Lunch**

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Baked potato with taco meat and cheese sauce, broccoli.

Wednesday – Ravioli with garlic breadstick, tossed salad, juice bar.

Thursday – Baked breaded chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable.

Friday – Cheesy pizza, buttered noodles, tossed salad.

**MONESSEN**
**Breakfast**

Daily – Cereal with graham crackers, fruit juice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Bagel with cream cheese.

Wednesday – Cheesy eggs with muffin half.

Thursday – Ham and cheese muffin.

Friday – Breakfast pizza Hot Pocket.

**Lunch**

Daily – Fruit choice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Pasta with meat sauce or marinated chicken on a bun, French fries or carrots.

Wednesday – Soft taco with meat and cheese or pierogie casserole, baked fries or corn.

Thursday – Sweet and sour chicken with rice or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, green beans, brownie treat.

Friday – Grilled cheese with tomato soup or personal pizza, peas or tossed salad.

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# Healthy dessert tops off Valentine's Day

By JIM ROMANOFF
*For The Associated Press*

It's hard to imagine a better way to demonstrate love than by making a chocolate dessert for Valentine's Day.

And wouldn't it be nice if that delicious, heartfelt gesture was heart healthy, too? With the right recipe, it's easy.

This recipe for mocha banana cream pie offers a one-two health punch. It's got loads of antioxidant-rich cocoa and dark chocolate, and is low in fat.

Most chocolate cream pie fillings are full of fat because they're made with whole milk and as many as four egg yolks. This lighter, yet satisfying version uses just one whole egg and evaporated low-fat milk for a creamy result.

Unsweetened cocoa powder and semisweet chocolate chips are combined with a few teaspoons of instant espresso to create that familiar, rich-tasting, mocha flavor.

The sliced bananas are a classic combination with chocolate and provide a healthy way to help reduce the amount of filling needed per serving.

Using a chocolate crust simply puts this pie over the top, though a graham cracker crust works well, too.

When choosing a prepared pie shell, look for those made without partially hydrogenated oils. Healthy versions of graham cracker and chocolate cookie pie shells can be found in the natural foods sections of most grocers.

Additional cocoa and espresso powder are whipped into a light version of whipped dessert topping. Using a pastry bag to pipe the mocha cream onto the pie creates an elegant look, but you can just as easily place spoonfuls of the topping around the edge of the pie, or in the center of each slice.

To add a final special touch, top the pie with shavings of dark chocolate or dust the pie with cocoa powder.

Associated Press

**The anti-oxidant rich cocoa and chocolate in a Mocha Banana Cream Pie, combined with the use of low-fat condensed milk and bananas will satisfy any chocolate craving without inducing the guilt.**

**Mocha Banana Cream Pie**

Start to finish: 2 hours 25 minutes
(25 minutes active)
Servings: 8

*For the pie:*

3 medium bananas, thinly sliced
9-inch reduced-fat prepared chocolate pie shell
1/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

(See PIE, Page 8A)

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# Diet-friendly chicken

## Teriyaki dish is easy to make and very low in carbohydrates.

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Everyone starts thinking of dieting for the new year. It has to be one of the most common New Year's resolutions.

The South Beach Diet, to me, is just like the low-carb diet. In fact almost all diets put the emphasis on low carbohydrates to lose weight.

I found a recipe that is easy to make and very low in carbohydrates. Try this recipe while your trying your diet.

**Teriyaki Garlic Ginger Chicken**

*Ingredients:*

15-ounce teriyaki sauce
6 tablespoons sesame oil
4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 tablespoon fresh ginger or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
Juice of one lemon
1 tablespoon sugar substitute
2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
8-inch wooden skewers

*Directions:*

Soak skewers in water for at least 30 minutes prior to baking to prevent burning.

Combine the sauce, oil, garlic, ginger, lemon and sugar substitute in an container with an airtight seal.

Cut chicken into half-inch wide strips and add to marinade. Seal and refrigerate at least one hour. (The longer the better).

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Leaving about an inch of the skewer empty at top and bottom, push pieces of the chicken onto the skewer to fill all eight skewers.

Spray or cover a cookie sheet with silicon pad or parchment paper. Line up skewers, place in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Take from oven and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

These are great served on a bed of baby greens.

## Pie (FROM PAGE SEVEN)

2 teaspoons instant espresso or coffee powder
12-ounce can evaporated low-fat milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten
3 tablespoons semisweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the topping:

2 cups reduced-fat whipped topping
1 1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon instant espresso or coffee powder

To make the pie, arrange the banana slices over the bottom of the pie shell. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan off the heat, whisk together the sugar, cocoa powder, cornstarch and espresso powder. Whisk in the evaporated milk and egg.

Place the pan over medium-low heat and whisk constantly until the mixture is thickened and steaming, about 6 minutes. Add chocolate chips and continue whisking until the chips have melted and the mixture comes to a simmer.

Remove the pan from heat and whisk in vanilla. Pour the filling over the banana slices in the pie shell.

Place a piece of plastic wrap on the surface of the filling (this prevents a skin from forming on the pudding). Refrigerate the pie until the filling is firm, about 2 hours.

Once the pie is firm, make the topping.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the whipped topping, cocoa and espresso powder. Spoon the topping into a pastry bag fitted with a large star tip and pipe a decorative border around the edge of the pie.

Alternatively, spoon the topping into a large zip-close plastic bag, snip off one corner of the bag, then pipe the topping around the edge of the pie by gently squeezing the bag.

Nutrition information per serving: 287 calories; 8 g fat (3.5 g saturated); 30 mg cholesterol; 49 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 1 g fiber; 155 mg sodium.

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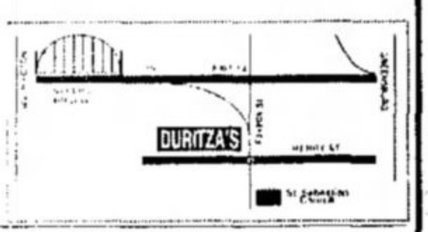


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**Rivers hopeful for big game**

Chargers' quarterback Philip Rivers hopes to play Sunday against the Patriots, but his backup is ready to go – just in case. **2B**


# Valley SPORTS

**New image being sought**

Donald Miller loves God and Jesus, but his problem is with Christianity, at least how it's often practiced. **2B**



**Players honored**

Two Valley schoolboys are are following the path of Penguins Mark Eaton and Rob Scuderi to the Continental Hockey Association All-Star game. **2B**

**Sports Trivia**

Who kicked the longest field goal in AFC championship history at 48 yards? **3B**

**Last night's scores**

Carolina 7, Edmonton 2
Florida 2, New Jersey 1
Buffalo 10, Atlanta 1
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago 2, Colorado 1, SO
Calgary 6, Los Angeles 193

Brian **HERMAN**

## Ex-Steelers still playing

The season may have ended two weeks ago for the Pittsburgh Steelers, but there are still some former members of the Black and Gold who will be on the field for Sunday's NFL championship games.

The best-known ex-Steelers who will make their presence felt are the New York Giants' Plaxico Burress and the New England Patriots' Mike Vrabel.

Ironically, both Burress and Vrabel went to Ohio State.

Burress, the Steelers' first round draft pick in 2000, played five years for Bill Cowher before signing a six-year, $25 million contract with the Giants in 2005.

After catching 261 passes for 4,164 yards and 22 touchdowns with the Steelers, the 6-5, 226-pound Burress has 209 receptions for 3,227 yards and 29 scores with the Giants. A third round draft choice, Vrable was a backup linebacker in his four years in Pittsburgh and was considering retirement before signing with the Pats.

It turned out to be a good move because Vrabel has been instrumental in the Pats' three Super Bowl victories.

Besides starring on defense, he also made his mark on offense as a tight end catching touchdown passes from Tom Brady in Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX.

In his seven years with the Patriots, Vrabel has caught 10 passes – for touchdowns – the longest being 2 yards.

Burress, incidentally, isn't the only former Steeler with the Giants.

Backup quarterback Anthony Wright was with Pittsburgh in 1999 when Kordell Stewart and Mike Tomczak were the signal-callers.

Green Bay and San Diego, meanwhile, have some former Steelers' assistants on their coaching staffs.

Tom Clements is the Packers' quarterbacks coach, a position he held for three years with Cowher.

Jack Henry, who coached under Chuck Noll in 1990-91, is the Chargers' offensive line coach.

Clements and Henry also were college aides at Pitt.

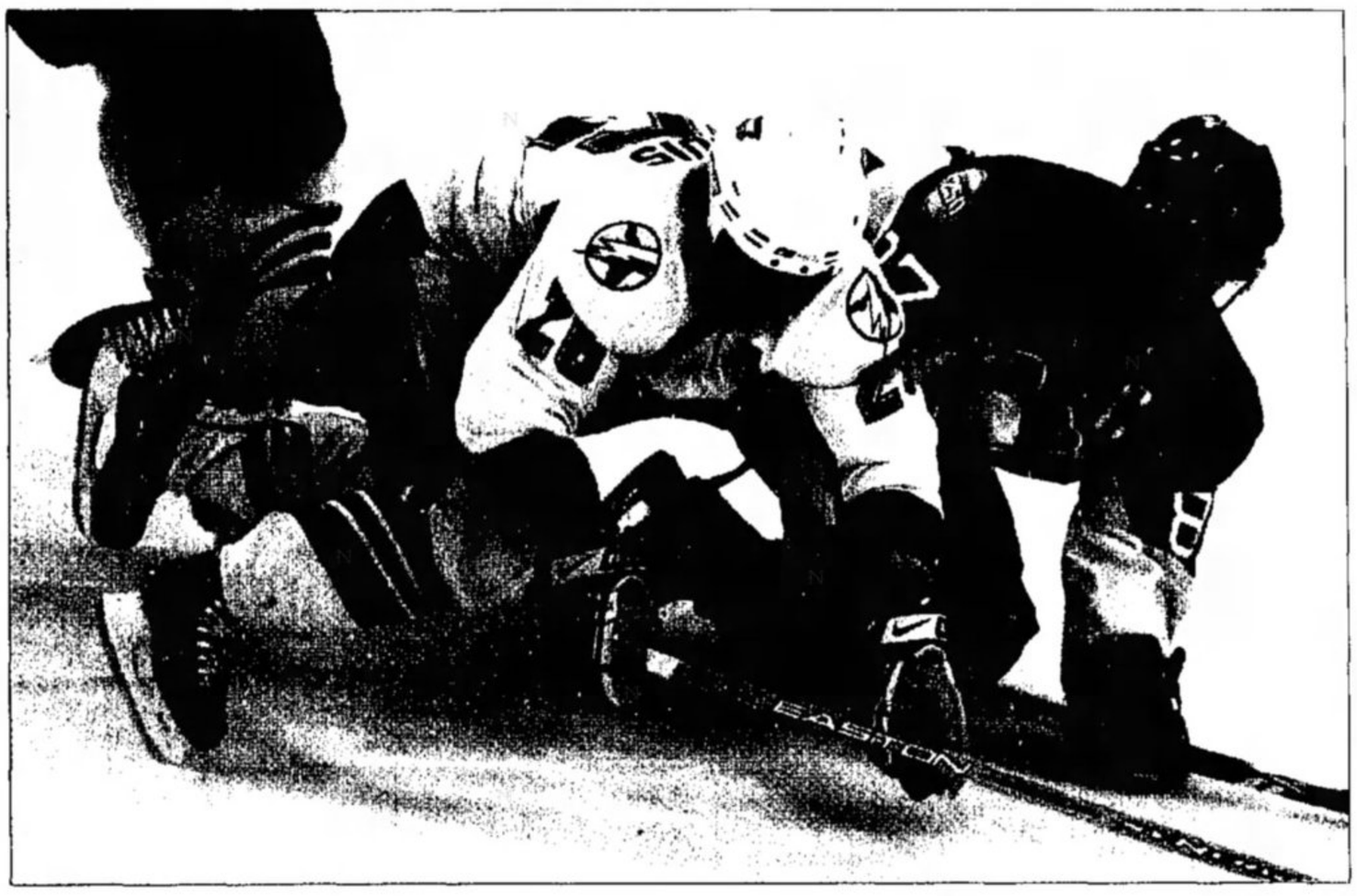
Another line coach for San Diego is Hal Hunter, the Belle Vernon Area High graduate and son of the former California University of Pennsylvania football coach and Steeler assistant.

The younger Hunter joined the Chargers last year after four seasons at the University of North Carolina.

Speaking of former Steelers, I was sorry to hear of the death of Ernie "Fats" Holmes, who was fatally injured in a traffic accident.

One of my favorite memories was having former Valley photographers Fred Hevia take a picture of me with the Steelers' Steel Curtain linemen Holmes, Joe Greene, L.C. Greenwood and Dwight White at the team's training camp at St. Vincent College in Latrobe back in the 1970s.

And thanks to Loretta Manus, of Donora, who says if at first you don't succeed, you are like most people!



Associated Press

**Sidney Crosby, right, and the Lightning's Martin St. Louis hit the ice in the first period Friday. Crosby left the game soon after with an ankle injury.**

# Penguins lose game, Crosby

The superstar team captain suffered an apparent high ankle sprain in the shutout.

**By ALAN ROBINSON**
*AP Sports Writer*

PITTSBURGH – For more than two periods, the Pittsburgh Penguins witnessed what life without star Sidney Crosby is like. It wasn't pretty.

Crosby badly sprained an ankle while ramming into the boards in the first period, and the Andre Roy-led Tampa Bay Lightning took advantage of his absence for a 3-0 victory over the Penguins on Friday night.

Crosby was diagnosed with a high ankle sprain, an injury to the large ligament that connects the two biggest bones in the lower leg, the tibia and fibula. The injury is more serious than the traditional twisted ankle and can sideline an athlete for a month or more. Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury has been out since Dec. 6 with the same injury.

"Obviously, it is a huge loss," said coach Michel Therrien, who doesn't know how long Crosby will be out.

"There is no team that can deal with losing the best player in the league. He is the heart of the team and he is our leader. We are going to face adversity and we are going to have to battle through it."

Until now, Crosby has missed only four games to injury during his three-season NHL career. The Penguins' record without him is 0-2-2.

"To see a guy like that go down and not come back, it's tough," Penguins forward Colby Armstrong said. "Guys are going to have to take it upon themselves as a team to fill in. But I don't know if you can fill a spot like that."

Roy, a Pittsburgh castoff, had a goal and two assists to figure in all three goals as the Lightning won for only the third time in 12 games (3-7-2). Tampa Bay had been an NHL-worst 5-14-3 on the road.

Crosby, tied for the NHL scoring lead with 63 points, was shooting from the edge of the right circle midway through the first period when Tampa Bay defenseman Paul Ranger rammed him with his stick. Crosby dropped to the ice on his rear end and, while sliding,

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# Monessen whips Blue Devils

Greyhounds' coach Joe Salvino called the victory a "total team effort."

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BURGETTSTOWN – If playing at Burgettstown was truly to be Monessen's biggest test to date this season, then the Greyhounds earned an 'A.'

Maybe even an 'A-plus.'

That's because Monessen went into a hostile environment and played against a solid team, was hit with two technical fouls in the first half, and still managed to win, 73-61.

The final score was closer than it seems as Burgettstown's Chris Skinner hit five-three pointers in the fourth quarter to keep the Blue Devils from being run out of their own gym.

"This was a really great win for us, a total team effort," said a pleased Monessen coach Joe Salvino, the recipient of one of the technicals.

"I am so happy with how we played and I give all of the credit to the players. They couldn't have played a better game.

"We came in here, in this atmosphere and started fast. We took their crowd out of the game and then we took them out of the game.

Salvino said Burgettstown coach Ed Goetz said he threw everything he could at the Greyhounds, even the crowd, "and he was impressed."

Monessen held a shaky 11-10 lead with 2:34 left in the first quarter when Salvino was hit for a technical foul. The call seemed to pump life into the Greyhounds (15-4, 10-0) as they went on a 5-0 run to close the quarter with a 16-10 lead.

In the second quarter, when the Blue Devils (7-3, 13-4) closed to within 19-17, Monessen went on a 12-1 run to open up a 31-18 lead.

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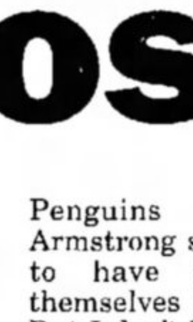
## Leopards hold on to edge West Mifflin

**By BILL HUGHES**
*For The Valley Independent*

WEST MIFFLIN – Moments after his team's thrilling 56-51 win at West Mifflin Friday, Belle Vernon Area coach John Dudzinski fought back tears while discussing the Leps effort.

"You don't know how big this win is for us," he said. "We have three kids right now playing through major injuries, yet they battled all night."



Dudzinski

Dudzinski never went to his bench as his five starters went the entire 32 minutes.

"The style of play dictated the pace and our guys stayed fresh," he said. "I think the mutual respect for one another slowed the game down."

BVA's 78-75 win Dec. 18 resembled a track meet.

The first half of last night's game was the opposite as BVA (13-5, 5-1) held an 11-9 lead after one quarter and 23-20 advantage at halftime.

It appeared BVA would run away with the game in the third quarter as the Leps outscored the Titans, 11-2, to take a 34-22 cushion into the fourth quarter.

With 1:51 left in the third period, Dudzinski called for a stall and BVA ran out the clock – but not

(See LEOPARDS, Page 2B)

# Brown unsure as Vulcans open in PSAC West

The veteran coach said time is running out for Vulcan seniors.

**By BRIAN HERMAN**
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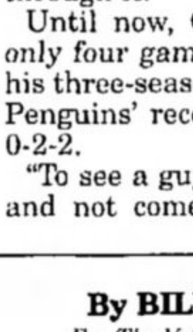
California University of Pennsylvania men's basketball coach Bill Brown doesn't know what to expect when his Vulcans open the PSAC West season 5 p.m. today against Clarion at Hamer Hall.

For the first five weeks of the season, Brown liked what he was seeing as the Vulcans won nine of 11 games. The losses came on the road by five points at Wayne State and in overtime at West Chester.

Last weekend, however, left a



Brown

bad taste in Brown's mouth when the Vulcans fell at home to East Stroudsburg and Kutztown on successive days in PSAC crossover contests.

"I felt we were ambushed," he said. "Everything was going good until those two games.

"Our defense has been terrible. We were exposed the past weekend. We went back to fundamentals in practice this week and are working on shot selection."

It didn't help that point guard Jesse Brooks was slowed by a pulled groin, and the Vulcans had three starters foul out in regulation in the overtime loss to Kutztown.

"We had been shooting 52 percent from the floor before dropping to 40 and 38 in the last two games," Brown said. "We were taking bad shots and don't have a lot of room to error."

Despite Clarion's so-so 8-7 overall record, including a PSAC West opening 61-56 loss at Indiana, Brown, respects the Golden Eagles.

"With the players they had coming back, I thought Clarion would be the team to beat," he said. "I'm looking for a three-team race with us, Edinboro and Clarion."

Coached for the 20th year by Ron Righter, the Golden Eagles are led by 6-8 junior Josh Yanke (12.1); 6-1 freshman Mike Sherry, of Chartiers Valley, (11.7); 6-6 senior Ricky Henderson (10.7); and 6-5 junior Damon Gross (10.2).

Clarion is 7-2 this season with Henderson, who averages 10 rebounds, in the lineup. He played only five games last year before breaking his hand.

Ron Banks (15.1), Theron Colao (12.9), Ali Mbaye (10) and Connellsville's James Hairston (9.6) are Cal's top scorers. All are seniors. Brown expects that to be a factor as the Vulcans try to defend their regular season title.

"We have five seniors and the clock is ticking," he said. "They know they only have a half-season left in their careers."

SPORTS

Bill HUGHES

## WWE getting ready for HD

The WWE's long-awaited venture into the world of high-definition begins Monday on "Raw."

It had long been discussed in the WWE brain trust to make the move to HD, and it is upon us.

WWE has spent more than $20 million to upgrade its equipment and will also debut a new entranceway on "Raw" and "Smackdown." While not confirmed, look for ECW to add a new set.

With the WWE stepping up its game to stay with the times, it remains to be seen if the move will help or hurt the company.

First-thought logic says it will make the programs more entertaining because of a better quality picture.

But is that really the best thing for the world of professional wrestling or, in the mind of Vince McMahon, sports entertainment?

Look no further than Triple H when giving this topic thought.

If you watch any Triple H match on DVD when the close-up camera is in use, you will hear him talking loudly to the referee and his opponent.

And that is in a regular video feed.

With the WWE available in HD, the words spoken in the ring will be louder, pulled punches will be more visible. While visual effects will be more distinct, it could backfire on the WWE.

While the WWE will be available in HD, it will also be available on regular TV's.

Some cable companies are saying they will offer the "Royal Rumble" in HD, but it is more likely the WWE will debut pay-per-view in HD at "WrestleMania."

**BIG SHOW RETURNING**

Look for Paul Wight, known in the WWE as "Big Show," to return to the company's television broadcasts in the near future.

A former two-time WWE, two-time WCW and one-time ECW heavyweight champion, Show has been out of the WWE since late 2006. Wight has agreed to a contract and is said to be down 65 to 70 pounds from the weight he carried when he left the organization.

It is not known if he has signed the contract yet, but look for the Big Show to return to the WWE sooner rather than later.

It is possible Big Show will be Triple H's opponent Monday night on "Raw."

McMahon has told Triple H that if he wins his match against an unannounced opponent, he will be allowed to take part in the "Royal Rumble" next Sunday.

Triple H lost his shot when he lost to Ric Flair two weeks ago on "Raw." Another possibility is that Big Show will be placed in the "Rumble," whether it is announced or not. It is a safe bet Big Show will be back in time for a match at "WrestleMania."

**JOHN CENA AT MANIA?**

Speaking of "Mania," it appears the WWE is looking for a way to get John Cena onto the card. It is not expected Cena will be able to wrestle, but it appears the WWE is looking for him to appear as a special enforcing referee or in some other nonwrestling capacity.

**BIG APPLE OR VEGAS?**

In this column a few weeks ago, it was reported that the University of Phoenix field outside of Phoenix may play host to Mania 26 in 2010. This week it was confirmed that WWE officials visited the site.

But before the WWE gets to Mania 26, it has to stage Mania 25. Apparently, the leading candidates are New York City and Las Vegas.

*E-mail questions and comments to powerhouse-hughes@hotmail.com.*

# Rivers hopes to play in AFC championship

The signal-caller tops a long list of banged-up San Diego Chargers' players.

**By BEN WALKER**
*AP National Writer*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – Mouthy to a fault, quarterback Philip Rivers made a pronouncement Friday that pleased the San Diego Chargers: He's optimistic about playing in the AFC championship game.

Rivers returned to the practice field, encouraged his sprained right knee would heal enough for him to go Sunday against the New England Patriots.

Chargers coach Norv Turner took a more cautious approach. He listed Rivers as doubtful and said it would be a gametime decision.

"We want him to be able to move well enough to protect himself," Turner said.

Rivers handled about one-third of the snaps in practice. He was hurt last weekend in the 28-24 playoff upset of the defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts, and backup Billy Volek led the winning touchdown drive.

"The way I felt Monday morning, I didn't think I'd feel as good as I do right now," Rivers said. "Certainly, it can ease my mind a bit."

Under NFL rules for reporting injuries, someone listed as doubtful has a 25 percent chance of playing that week. Until Friday, teams were required to merely list whether a player practiced – Rivers did not work out Wednesday or Thursday.

Already a two-touchdown underdog against the perfect Patriots, the Chargers are awfully banged up. Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson said he thought his hyperextended left knee would be OK for him to start, but tight end Antonio Gates was put in the doubtful category.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick said San Diego's injury problems were of little concern to him.

The Patriots practiced outdoors at Gillette Stadium, showing more spirit than usual. Defensive line coach Pepper Johnson was among the most lively, hollering at his players.

Tom Brady, whose best games often come in the biggest settings, was typically more composed, joking about a future in Hollywood.

For all his experience in pressurized settings, the Patriots quarterback suggested he had more trouble nowadays when it came to keeping his adrenaline in check.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Nady, Grabow reach deals

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pirates outfielder Xavier Nady and left-handed reliever John Grabow bypassed arbitration by agreeing to one-year contracts Friday, the day teams and players exchanged salary figures.

### Stubblefield pleads guilty

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Former NFL defensive lineman Dana Stubblefield pleaded guilty Friday to lying to investigators in the BALCO steroids case, making him the first football player charged in the long-running federal investigation.

Stubblefield, a three-time Pro Bowl player who testified before the BALCO grand jury in November 2003, was charged with making false statements to federal agents about his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

### Harbaugh named Ravens' coach

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) – John Harbaugh was hired Friday as head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, who hope their second choice proves to be a first-rate success.

Harbaugh spent this season as Philadelphia's secondary coach after making a name for himself working with special teams. He has never been a head coach, but has coaching in his genes. His father, Jack, is former head coach at Western Kentucky.

### Charleroi cagers down Carmichaels

The Charleroi Area Junior High basketball team upped its record to 9-3 with a 48-34 win at Carmichaels behind Tyler Corbitt's 13points.

### Thunder home over weekend

The Mon Valley Thunder will play two weekend home games in the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League – with the chance to climb into third place.

The Thunder (8-13-3) face Jamestown (10-15) at 7:30 p.m. today at the Ice Garden in Rostraver Township . It will host Valley Forge (7-16-1) 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Thunder feature two of the league's top scorers in Joey Olson (49 points) and Gary Klapkowski (38 points).

Sunday's game has been designated as Military Appreciation Day with tickets costing $4 for those showing a valid military indentification indicating active, reserve or retired status.

## Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

After that, the Blue Devils only cut the margin to less than 10 points once – briefly in the fourth quarter – as the Greyhounds led the game by as many as 20 points (52-32 in the third quarter).

Freshman Terrance Stepoli had a break-out game with a double-double that included a career-high 25 points, including six three-pointers. He also pulled down 10 rebounds.

"It was Terrance's night, no doubt about it," said Salvino. "He got hot from outside and the players kept looking for him. That's why it is so important to play as a team. We did that tonight. It takes players being unselfish and working together to be successful."

Backing Stepoli with another solid performance was Tim Tyree, who scored 17 points, had five assists and three steals. Tyree scored nine points in the fourth quarter.

Monessen's Delmar Pritchett came off the bench to score 10 points and grab seven rebounds.

Salvino praised the play of Pritchett and another reserve, Jamont Minnie. Minnie had eight points and 10 rebounds.

"Delmar and Jamont really gave us good minutes tonight," he said. "They worked hard on offense and defense and did a great job inside against kids bigger than them."

Monessen's inside play was impressive as the Greyhounds held Burgettstown's leading scorer, 6-5 Derek Goetz, to six points, including just two after the first quarter. Goetz averages nearly 19 points per game.

"I thought we played great defense, and we hustled all over the floor," Salvino said. "It was a total team effort.

"I told the kids this would be our biggest test of the season because it's tough to win here. And now we definitely control our own destiny. We don't need anyone to help us win the section but ourselves."

That's what happens when a team makes the grade.

GAME NOTES: Monessen upped its winning streak to seven games while Burgettstown had its winning streak snapped at five ... Burgettstown's Brendan Bongiorni and Bryan Pavan scored 15 points each ... The Blue Devils played without starting point guard Sean Tunno, who is out for the season after injuring his knee against Beth-Center. He had surgery Friday ... Monessen hosts Charleroi on Tuesday.

## Crosby (FROM PAGE ONE)

swiped at the puck a second time before ramming awkwardly into the rear boards, his left leg up.

Crosby's right ankle appeared to twist to the side as that leg absorbed the impact of the collision. Crosby initially got up and began to limp toward the bench, only to turn and enter a tunnel to the Penguins locker room. He pulled up in visible pain in the walkway and had to be helped the rest of the way.

"When I saw him leave the ice, I got the feeling it was very severe," Therrien said.

Crosby will be re-examined by team doctors on Saturday, before his teammates play in Montreal. If the early diagnosis is accurate, last season's NHL scoring champion and MVP seems certain to miss the Jan. 27 All-Star game at Atlanta. He was easily the leading vote-getter for the game.

The Penguins trailed 1-0 when Crosby was hurt and generated little offense afterward without him as Tampa Bay led 34-27 in shots. Lightning goalie Johan Holmqvist turned aside 27 shots in his first shutout since last Feb. 1 against Carolina.

Roy, Kyle Wanvig and Chris Gratton scored as Penguins goalie Ty Conklin (10-1-1) lost in regulation for the first time this season.

# Ringgold, Cal Area boys win

Elizabeth Forward, Bentworth and Serra also register basketball victories.

**For The Valley Independent**

Riding a four-game losing skid and showing a 1-10 record in its last 11 games, the Ringgold High boys' basketball team needed a victory at Trinity Friday to keep its playoff hopes alive in Class AAA Section 4.

The Rams got it.

Simon Bekavac (13) and Dave Bassi (10) combined for 23 points to lead the Rams (6-14, 3-3) to a 44-39 win in a showdown for third place.

Bekavac scored 11 points in the first half to stake the Rams to a 22-19 lead and Bassi had nine in the second half.

Ringgold goes to front-running Chartiers Valley pn Tuesday.

California Area stayed unbeaten in Class A Section 2 with a 66-30 romp over visiting West Greene.

Donte Valentino poured in 20 points for the Trojans (11-4, 6-0) with Ben Carson adding 16 as California coasted after jumping out to a 20-6 first quarter lead.

California visits second-place Carmichaels on Tuesday.

In Class AAA Section 5, Eizabeth Forward held on for a 46-45 win at Yough to avenge a 19-point home loss to the Cougars.

Jared Cunning (14), Jordan Austin (11) and Ryan Styche (10) combined for 35 points for the Warriors (4-14, 1-5).

Adam Matvya (12) and Mike Bashioum (11) combined for 23 points for Yough (6-11, 2-4), which has lost seven-in-a-row.

Bentworth stayed in second place in Class A Section 3 with a come-from-behind 55-50 win at Cornell.

Trailing 26-17 at halftime, the Bearcats (13-4, 7-2) outscored the hosts, 38-24, in the final 16 minutes.

Joe Kennedy had a game-high 18 points for the Bearcats.

In another Class A Section 3 game, Serra clobbered Frazier, 101-53, as Pat Grubbs (21) and Anthony Epolito (20) combined for 41 points.

Matt Keebler and Frank Bartomucci topped the Commodores (2-15, 0-8) with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

## Leopards (FROM PAGE ONE)

before the coach's son, Jacob, a senior, drained a three-pointer.

"In that situation, we chose to hold the ball," Dudzinski said. "We did not want to force anything and we wanted to protect the lead."

Once the fourth quarter began, the slow tempo that dominated the first three quarters ended as the teams combined for 51 points in the last eight minutes.

In the first 1:04 of the fourth quarter, the Titans (8-8, 3-3) went on an 8-0 run to trim the BVA lead to 34-30.

The run was keyed by West Mifflin's suffocating diamond press.

"Both teams used their press in the fourth quarter, but theirs was more effective," Dudzinski said. "They turned us over and they started nailing shots from the corners."

With 4:28 left, the Titans gained momentum.

As BVA broke the Titans' press, the younger Dudzinski fed Josh Pohlot for a dunk attempt.

Pohlot missed and received a technical foul for hanging on the rim.

Mike Stanzel made the ensuing free throws and then drained a three-pointer.

In a 20 second span, BVA's lead shrank from 41-35 to 41-40.

After another BVA turnover, Rashard Washington scored to give the hosts a 42-41 lead.

The lead was short-lived, however, as John Naylor hit one of two free throws to tie the game with 3:29 left.

After BVA forced a West Mifflin turnover, Naylor followed with a three-pointer to give the guests a 45-42 lead with 3:07 left.

The lead didn't last for long though as Chris Hester nailed a three-pointer to tie the game at 45 with 2:41 left.

As BVA moved the ball up court, Washington fouled Bo Lustig.

The freshman calmly canned both free throws to give BVA a 47-45 lead. After another West Mifflin turnover, Lustig made two more free throws to increase the Leps' lead to 49-45.

The Titans kept chipping away and cut the lead to three with 7.3 seconds left as Washington hit one of two free throws.

Naylor was fouled, but he missed both free throws. Washington grabbed the rebound for West Mifflin but turned the ball over.

Jacob Dudzinski made two free throws to close out the win.

"This is probably the biggest win of my coaching career so far," Dudzinski said. "Our kids wanted this game and did not give up when West Mifflin took the lead."

First place BVA hosts second place Steel Valley Tuesday. With a win, the Leopards move two games up on the Ironmen.

GAME NOTES: Dudzinski (15 points), Naylor (13), Lustig (11), and Pohlot (10) hit double figures while Cory Williams added seven while playing tremendous defense in the paint in the fourth quarter ... Pohlot added 11 rebounds while Dudzinski had five assists ... Hester led the Titans with 13 points ... BVA forced 17 turnovers while giving the ball away 13 times.

# Young hockey stars recognized

Puskar and Homanics are following the trail of Penguins pair.

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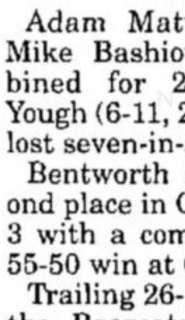
Puskar



Homanics

What do Carroll Township's Mike Puskar and Belle Vernon's Ryan Homanics have in common with the Pittsburgh Penguins' Rob Scuderi and Mark Eaton?

The answer is that all have been chosen to play in Continental Hockey Association All-Star games.

The CHA comprises teams on the East Coast from Florida to New Hampshire.

Scuderi and Eaton played as youngsters for the Apple Core team from Long Branch, N.Y.

Representing the Penguins' Junior B team, Puskar and Homanics will play tonight and Sunday in CHA All-Star contests in Binghamton, N.Y.

The Penguins' Junior B team is ranked ninth in the country with a 22-1-3 record and is riding a 24-game unbeaten streak.

Two victories in the streak came last months against the Hampton Roads Warriors, who had been on a 48-game unbeaten streak and hadn't lost a CHA game.

A forward in his first year of junior hockey, Puskar is one of the Junior B Penguins' top scorers with 34 points on 15 goals and 19 assists.

Puskar is a senior and assistant captain on the Serra Catholic High School team, which is 12-2-1. A member of the National Honor Society, he maintains 3.94 grade-point average.

Homanics, in his second season as the Pens' junior goalie, ranks in the top 10 with a 2.50 goals-against average and a .917 save percentage.

He is the goalie for the Greensburg Central Catholic High School team.

Puskar and Homanics will play Jan. 26 in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League All-Star games at the Airport Ice Arena.

# SPORTS

## NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 26 | 17 | 3 | 55 | 112 | 106 |
| Pittsburgh | 26 | 17 | 3 | 55 | 133 | 123 |
| Philadelphia | 24 | 15 | 5 | 53 | 142 | 124 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 23 | 18 | 5 | 51 | 112 | 126 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 22 | 20 | 5 | 49 | 114 | 121 |

Northeast Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ottawa | 30 | 12 | 4 | 64 | 162 | 128 |
| Montreal | 24 | 14 | 8 | 56 | 142 | 129 |
| Boston | 22 | 18 | 5 | 49 | 116 | 120 |
| Buffalo | 20 | 19 | 6 | 46 | 136 | 128 |
| Toronto | 18 | 21 | 8 | 44 | 132 | 155 |

Southeast Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 23 | 23 | 4 | 50 | 152 | 162 |
| Atlanta | 23 | 23 | 3 | 49 | 138 | 165 |
| Florida | 21 | 23 | 4 | 46 | 119 | 135 |
| Washington | 20 | 21 | 5 | 45 | 132 | 144 |
| Tampa Bay | 18 | 24 | 5 | 41 | 135 | 157 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 34 | 10 | 4 | 72 | 163 | 106 |
| Columbus | 23 | 18 | 6 | 52 | 121 | 118 |
| St. Louis | 22 | 16 | 6 | 50 | 115 | 118 |
| Nashville | 22 | 20 | 4 | 48 | 128 | 129 |
| Chicago | 22 | 21 | 4 | 48 | 135 | 138 |

Northwest Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 24 | 17 | 8 | 56 | 144 | 142 |
| Minnesota | 26 | 18 | 3 | 55 | 130 | 132 |
| Vancouver | 25 | 17 | 5 | 55 | 123 | 111 |
| Colorado | 25 | 18 | 4 | 54 | 133 | 130 |
| Edmonton | 21 | 23 | 5 | 47 | 129 | 149 |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 27 | 17 | 6 | 60 | 131 | 127 |
| Dallas | 26 | 18 | 5 | 57 | 143 | 129 |
| San Jose | 25 | 14 | 7 | 57 | 119 | 110 |
| Phoenix | 24 | 21 | 1 | 49 | 124 | 127 |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 28 | 2 | 38 | 136 | 162 |

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

**Friday's games**

Carolina 7, Edmonton 2
Florida 2, New Jersey 1
Buffalo 10, Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 3, Pittsburgh 0
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago 2, Colorado 1, SO
Calgary 6, Los Angeles 1

**Today's Games**

N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 1 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

## Trivia answer

Oakland's George Blanda against Baltimore in 1970.

## PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

| | PSAC W | PSAC L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edinboro | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Indiana | 1 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| Lock Haven | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| California | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 |
| Clarion | 0 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Shippensburg | 0 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Slippery Rock | 0 | 1 | 2 | 13 |

Eastern Division

| | PSAC W | PSAC L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Stroudsburg | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| Millersville | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Kutztown | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 |
| Bloomsburg | 0 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| Cheyney | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| West Chester | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 |

**Today**

Clarion at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at Lock Haven
Indiana at Central Statte
Bloomsburg at Chjeyney
Kutztown at West Chester
Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

Women

Western Division

| | PSAC W | PSAC L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 1 | 0 | 16 | 1 |
| California | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 |
| Shippensburg | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3 |
| Clarion | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 |
| Edinboro | 1 | 0 | 10 | 4 |
| Slippery Rock | 0 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Lock Haven | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10 |

Eastern Division

| | PSAC W | PSAC L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Millersville | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Kutztown | 1 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| East Stroudsburg | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| West Chester | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| Mansfield | 0 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Bloomsburg | 0 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Cheyney | 0 | 1 | 3 | 11 |

**Today**

Clarion at California
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at LockHaven
Bloomsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at West Chester

**Tom Brady will lead the Patriots against the Chargers 3 p.m. Sunday on Channel 2.**

Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

## Sports dial

**Today**

**Television**

Noon - Channel 4 - Notre Dame at Georgetown, college basketball.
Noon - ESPN - Villanova at Syracuse, college basketball.
1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Women's World Cup of Golf, golf.
2 p.m. - ESPN - Illinois at Purdue, college basketball.
2 p.m. - Fox Sports - Duquesne at Fordham, college basketball.
3:30 p.m. - Channel 2 - Ohio State at Tennessee, college basketball.
3:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Maryland at North Carolina, college basketball.
4 p.m. - ESPN - Texas A&M at Kansas State, college basketball.
4 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pitt at Cincinnati, college basketball.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Bob Hope Classic, golf.
4 p.m. - Versus - BYU at Utah, college basketball.
6 p.m. - ESPN - Clemson at Duke, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - East-West Shrine Game, college football.
7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Montreal, hockey.
7:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - MasterCard Championship, golf.
8:30 p.m. - WGN - Detroit at Chicago, pro basketbll.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Kentucky at Florida, college basketball.
9 p.m. - HBO - Roy Jones Jr. vs Felix Trinidad, boxing.
10 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

**Radio**

3 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Clarion at California, women's college basketball.
5 p.m. - WCASL (91.9 FM) - Clarion at California, college basketball.

**Sunday**

**Television**

2 a.m. - Fox Sports - Oregon State at Washington, college basketball.
3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.
12:30 p.m. - Channel 11 - Boston at New York Rangers, hockey.
1 p.m. - ESPN - Dick Weber Open, bowling.
3 p.m. - Channel 2 - San Diego at New England, pro football.
4 p.m. - Fox Sports - Stanford at Arizona State, women's college basketball.
6 p.m. - Fox Sports - Texas at Texas Tech, women's college basketball.
6:30 p.m. - Channel 53 - New York Giants at Green Bay, pro football.
8 p.m. - Fox Sports - Oregon at Washington State, college basketball.

## Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 23 | 1 | 0 | 46 |
| Wooster | 13 | 10 | 2 | 28 |
| Jamestown | 10 | 15 | 0 | 20 |
| Mon Valley | 8 | 13 | 3 | 19 |
| Valley Forge | 7 | 16 | 1 | 15 |

**Friday**

Indiana 3, Jamestown 2

**Today**

Jamestown at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Indiana at Valley Forge

**Sunday**

Valley Forge at Mon Valley (2:30 p.m.)
Wooster at Indiana

## Penguins summary

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 0 | 1 | — 3 |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 0 | 0 | — 0 |

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Wanvig 1 (Roy, Gratton), 4:34. 2, Tampa Bay, Gratton 7 (Roy, O'Brien), 10:51. Penalties—Lundin, TB (hooking), :56; Ranger, TB (slashing), 7:37; Staal, Pit (tripping), 7:45; Gonchar, Pit (boarding), 13:16.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Tampa Bay bench, served by Tarnasky (too many men), 3:38; O'Brien, TB, double minor (closing hand on puck, roughing), 11:51; Malone, Pit (roughing), 11:51; Pittsburgh bench, served by Ruutu (too many men), 11:51; Janik, TB (holding), 16:36.

Third Period—3, Tampa Bay, Roy 4 (Richards, St. Louis), 5:32. Penalties—Sykora, Pit (slashing), 9:09; Pittsburgh bench, served by Kennedy (too many men), 17:22.

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 16-4-14—34. Pittsburgh 10-10-7—27.

Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 4; Pittsburgh 0 of 4.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Holmqvist 15-13-4 (27 shots-27 saves). Pittsburgh, Conklin 10-1-1 (34-31).

A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:23.

Referees—Brad Meier, Kelly Sutherland. Linesmen—Jonny Murray, Anthony Sericolo.

## High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

| | Sec. 4 W | Sec. 4 L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chartiers Valley | 6 | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| Keystone Oaks | 5 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Ringgold | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 |
| South Park | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| Trinity | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| McGuffey | 0 | 6 | 3 | 13 |

**Friday**

Ringgold 44, Trinity 39
Chartiers Valley 55, South Park 43
Keystone Oaks 82, McGuffey 26

| | Sec. 5 W | Sec. 5 L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belle Vernon Area | 5 | 1 | 13 | 5 |
| Steel Valley | 4 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| West Mifflin | 3 | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| Thomas Jefferson | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Yough | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 |
| Elizabeth Forward | 1 | 5 | 4 | 14 |

**Friday**

Belle Vernon Area 56, West Mifflin 51
Elizabeth Forward 46, Yough 45
Steel Valley 46, Thomas Jefferson 44

Class AA

| | Sec. 5 W | Sec. 5 L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monessen | 10 | 0 | 15 | 4 |
| Washington | 9 | 1 | 15 | 4 |
| Burgettstown | 7 | 3 | 13 | 4 |
| Charleroi | 5 | 5 | 10 | 9 |
| Brownsville | 5 | 5 | 9 | 10 |
| C-Houston | 3 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Waynesburg | 1 | 9 | 3 | 14 |
| Beth-Center | 0 | 10 | 3 | 16 |

**Friday**

Monessen 73, Burgettstown 61
Brownsville 69, Waynesburg 43
Washington 81, Beth-Center 34

Class A

| | Sec. 2 W | Sec. 2 L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| California | 6 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Carmichaels | 5 | 1 | 13 | 3 |
| Geibel | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| Mapletown | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| Jeff-Morgan | 1 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| West Greene | 0 | 6 | 1 | 13 |

**Friday**

California 66, West Greene 30
Carmichaels 41, Mapletown 39
Geibel 67, Jeff-Morgan 53

| | Sec. 3 W | Sec. 3 L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serra | 9 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| Bentworth | 7 | 2 | 13 | 4 |
| Clairton | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| Sacred Heart | 4 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Cornell | 3 | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| Avella | 2 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| Frazier | 0 | 8 | 2 | 15 |

**Friday**

Serra 101, Frazier 53
Bentworth 55, Cornell 50
Sacred Heart 49, Avella 41
Clairton 52, Monaca 48

## High school basketball lineups

**Boys**

**Ringgold - 44**

Brownlee, 2-1-5; Bassi, 4-1-10; Mountain, 1-0-2; Bekavac, 4-4-13; Patch, 1-2-5; Smith, 2-0-4; Madar, 2-0-5; Resanovich, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 16, F - 8 (12), T - 44.

**Trinity - 39**

Frey, 0-0-0; Valentine, 2-0-6; McKnight, 7-1-15; Chambers, 2-3-7; Songer, 2-0-4; McCaffery, 1-0-3; Edwards, 2-0-4. Totals: FG - 16, F - 4 (5), T - 39. Score by quarters:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ringgold | 16 | 6 | 11 | 11 - | 44 |
| Trinity | 13 | 6 | 9 | 11 - | 39 |

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Bassi, Bekavac, Patch. Trinity - Valentine 2, McCaffery.

**California - 66**

Carson, 5-2-14; Roach, 2-0-4; VanOlst, 3-2-8; Valentino, 8-2-20; Michaux, 2-0-6; Edminston, 1-0-2; Tyler, 2-0-5; Balla, 0-1-1; Booth, 2-0-4; Shen, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 26, F - 7 (10), T - 66.

**West Greene - 30**

Gifford, 10-3-23; Cook, 0-2-2; Tustin, 0-3-3; Yukon, 1-0-2; Raber, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 12, F - 8 (16), T - 30.

**Score by quarters:**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Greene | 6 | 5 | 12 | 7 - | 30 |
| California | 20 | 16 | 25 | 5 - | 66 |

Three-pointers: California - Carson 2, Valentino 2, Michaux 2, Tyler.

**Elizabeth Forward - 46**

Cunning, 6-1-14; Gibbons, 2-0-6; Austin, 4-3-11; Styche, 3-1-10; Means, 2-0-5. Totals: FG - 17, F - 5 (8), T - 46.

**Yough - 45**

Hoffer, 3-2-9; Matvya, 4-1-12; Bashioum, 4-0-11; Alldridge, 1-1-3; Altman, 2-0-5; Marvich, 1-0-2; Steban, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 16, F - 4 (7), T - 45.

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth | 8 | 7 | 19 | 12 | 46 |
| Yough | 13 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 45 |

Three-pointers: Elizabeth - Styche 3, Gibbons 2, Cunning, Means. Yough - Bashioum 3, Matvya 3, Hoffer, Altman.

**Belle Vernon Area - 56**

Dudzinski, 3-7-15; Naylor, 3-4-13; Pohlot, 5-0-10; Williams, 3-0-7; Lustig. Totals: FG - 17, F - 15 (21), T - 56.

**West Mifflin - 51**

Staples, 2-0-4; Hester, 5-2-13; Prince, 2-0-5; Ra. Washington, 2-0-5; Ri. Washington, 4-2-10; Stanzel, 2-2-8. Totals: FG - 19, F - 6 (10), T - 531.

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BV Area | 11 | 12 | 11 | 22 - | 56 |
| West Mifflin | 9 | 11 | 2 | 29 - | 51 |

Three-pointers: BVA - Naylor 3, Dudzinski 2, Williams. Lustig. West Mifflin - Ra. Washington 2, Stanzel 2, Hester, Prince.

**Monessen - 73**

Stepoli, 9-1-25; Tyren, 6-5-17; Wall, 3-0-6; Brandemarte, 1-1-3; Parker, 2-0-4; Pritchett, 4-0-10; Minnie, 3-2-8; Miller, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-28, F-9(12), T-73.

**Burgettstown - 61**

Bongiorni, 7-1-15; Goetz, 3-0-6; Pavan, 4-4-15; Tasz, 0-0-0; Restanio, 2-0-4; Shoup, 1-0-2; Bertoletti, 0-0-0, Bielech, 0-3-3; Skinner, 5-0-15. Totals: FG-22, F-9(16), T-61.

Score by quarters:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monessen | 16 | 17 | 19 | 21 - | 73 |
| Burgettstown | 10 | 11 | 14 | 26 - | 61 |

Three-pointers: Monessen - Stepoli 6, Pritchett 2; Burgettstown - Skinner 5, Pavan 3.

## Basketball scores

Apollo-Ridge 47, Ford City 41
Beaver 58, West Allegheny 48
Beaver Falls 70, Aliquippa 64
Belle Vernon Area 56, West Mifflin 51
Bentworth 55, Cornell 50
Brentwood 56, Bishop Canevin 53
Brownsville 69, Waynesburg 43
Butler 58, Shaler 38
California 66, West Greene 30
Canon-McMillan 41, Mt. Lebanon 33
Carmichaels 41, Mapletown 39
Carrick 72, Langley 60
Central Catholic 69, Plum 49
Chartiers Valley 55, South Park 43
Connellsville 64, Kiski Area 59
Derry Area 42, Southmoreland 31
Elizabeth Forward 46, Yough 45
Fort Cherry 55, Avonworth 49
Fox Chapel 68, Woodland Hills 60
Franklin Regional 80, Latrobe 60
Geibel 67, Jefferson-Morgan 53
Greensburg Central 77, Freeport 40
Greensburg Salem 64, Laurel Highlands 61
Hampton 61, Kittanning 45
Highlands 71, Indiana 68
Hopewell 58, Ambridge 42
Jeannette 73, East Allegheny 59
Keystone Oaks 82, McGuffey 26
McKeesport 61, Gateway 44
Mohawk 63, Laurel 61
Monessen 73, Burgettstown 61
Montour 57, Fillowfield City 33
Mount Ai, Baldwin 57
Neshannock 69, Freedom 64
New Brighton 67, South Side Beaver 46
North Allegheny 63, Pine-Richland 55
North Catholic 61, Ringgold 46
North Hills 56, Penn Hills 41
Norwin 82, Hempfield 56
Oliver 68, Brashear 45
Sacred Heart 49, Avella 41
Peabody 42, Allderdice 36
Penn Trafford 62, Albert Gallatin 55
Perry 56, Westinghouse 49
Peters Township 49, Bethel Park 36
Quaker Valley 49, Center 48
Ringgold 44, Trinity 39
Rivers (n.h.) 62, Rochester 46
Serra 101, Frazier 53
Shady Side Academy 58, South Allegheny 40
South Fayette 65, Carlynton 52
Springdale 66, Ford City 64
St. Joseph 73, Leechburg 66
Steel Valley 46, Thomas Jefferson 44
Summit Academy 63, Shenango 60
Uniontown 65, Mt. Pleasant 47
Upper St. Clair 75, Knoch 73
Valley 79, Mars 62
Washington 81, Beth-Center 34
West Shamokin 63, Burrell 32
Western Beaver 69, Quigley 35
Wilmington 70, Lawrence 15

## Sports moves

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Agreed to terms with RHP Jeremy Guthrie and LHP Adam Loewen on one-year contracts.

BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with LHP Javier Lopez on a one-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Miguel Cabrera and LHP Bobby Seay on one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Agreed to terms with 1B Ross Gload on a two-year contract and C John Buck and LHP Jorge De La Rosa on one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with 3B Maicer Izturis and 1B Casey Kotchman on one-year contracts.

MINNESOTA TWINS - Agreed to terms with 1B Justin Morneau and RHP Juan Rincon on one year contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with 3B Wilson Betemit on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Blanton on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Horacio Ramirez on a one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B Carlos Pena and LHP Scott Kazmir on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with C Gerald Laird on a one-year contract.

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with 2B Chris Burke, 2B Orlando Hudson, RHP Brandon Lyon, RHP Chad Qualls and C Chris Snyder on one-year contracts.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Matt Diaz on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shingo Takatsu on a minor league contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Claimed OF Drew Anderson off waivers from Milwaukee.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with OF Matt Holliday on a two-year contract and OF Willy Taveras on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Sergio Mitre, OF Alfredo Amezaga and RHP Kevin Gregg on one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS - Agreed to terms with 3B Ty Wigginton on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Jason Repko on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Heilman on a one-year contract and 2B Jose Valentin on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Xavier Nady and LHP John Grabow on one-year contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS -Agreed to terms with OF Rick Ankiel on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with LHP Wilfredo Ledezma on a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Hennessey on a one-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G C.J. Watson to a second 10-day contract.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Guillermo Diaz to a second 10-day contract.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named John Harbaugh coach.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Chan Gailey offensive coordinator. Announced the retirement of Darvin Wallis, defensive assistant-quality control coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Mike Maser offensive line coach.

NEW YORK JETS--Signed S Etienne Boulay. Named Bill Callahan assistant head coach-offense.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Steve Loney offensive line coach and Art Valero assistant head coach and running backs coach.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, to a contract extension.

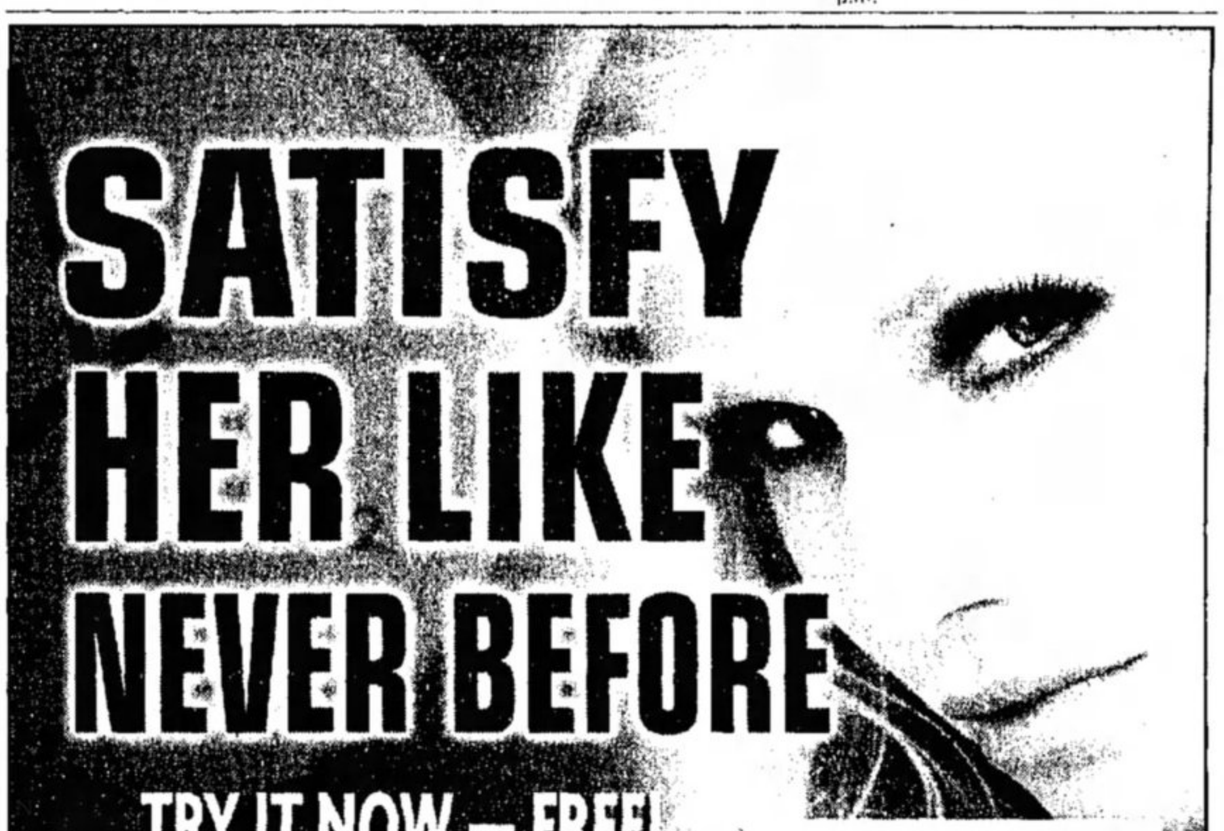
## In the NBA

**Friday's Games**

Toronto 89, Atlanta 78
Washington 111, New York 98
Portland 98, Miami 91
Boston 116, Philadelphia 89
Memphis 124, Seattle 100
Sacramento 100, Detroit 93
New Orleans 112, Charlotte 84
Phoenix 115, Minnesota 95
Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 88
Golden State at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

**Today's Games**

Sacramento at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.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## SPORTS HISTORY

**30 Years Ago**

Lou DeFelices was rehired as Ringgold football coach despite a 1-9 showing in 1977.

Reggie Allen scored 29 points in Monessen's 90-64 romp over Yough.

George Bandalo's 13 points were high in Ringgold's 58-47 win over Charleroi.

**20 Years Ago**

Peachie Turner poured in 31 points in Monessen's 73-57 loss to Mon Valley Catholic.

John Stallworth and Donnie Shell, who came to the Pittsburgh Steelers together and played on the four Super Bowl champion teams, confirmed they were retiring together.

Traci Stasicha had 29 points and 10 rebounds in Charleroi's 68-57 win over South Park.

Tracy Foglia scored 13 points in Ringgold's 67-39 loss to Connellsville.

Trina Sellers had 13 points and 16 rebounds in Belle Vernon Area's 47-34 defeat to Laurel Highlands.

**10 Years Ago**

Needing six points to join Monessen's 1,000 point club, Nicole Naccarato scored 12 in a 63-33 romp over Charleroi.

A baseball statue honoring Donora's Stan Musial was erected outside the St. Louis Cardinals' Busch Stadium.

Sasha Zuro had 18 points and 19 rebounds in Belle Vernon Area's 63-47 win over Derry.

Shavonne Steward's 11 points were high in Ringgold's 35-33 overtime victory over Seton-LaSalle.

# COMICS

**CATHY**® by Cathy Guisewite

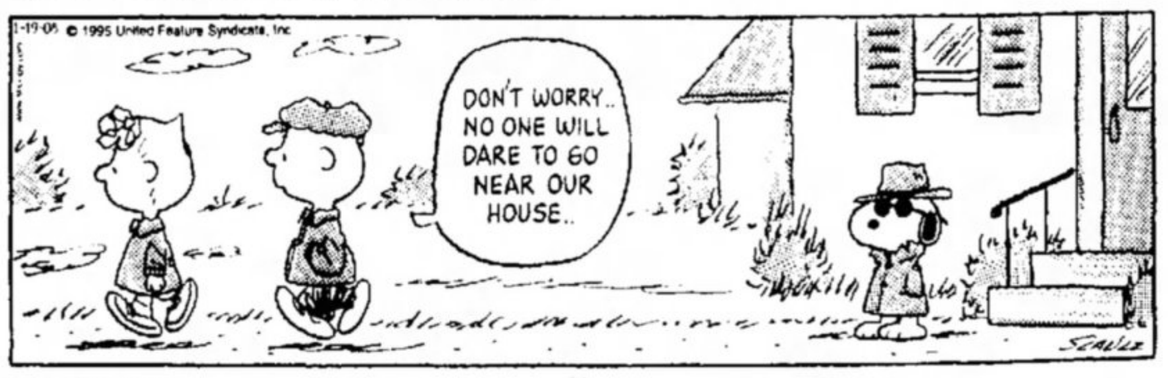
MY OFFICE STARTED MID-DAY YOGA CLASSES, AND I HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR.
I HAVE INVESTED IN REALLY DRESSY OFFICE CLOTHES... MEDIUM DRESSY OFFICE CLOTHES... SORT OF DRESSY OFFICE CLOTHES... CASUAL OFFICE CLOTHES... VERY CASUAL OFFICE CLOTHES...
NOW I NEED YOGA OFFICE CLOTHES!
DO YOU WANT FANCY YOGA OFFICE CLOTHES? SPORTY YOGA OFFICE CLOTHES? BUSINESS-Y YOGA OFFICE CLOTHES? SASSY YOGA OFFICE CLOTHES?
YOGA BOUTIQUE

**GARFIELD**® by Jim Davis

**ARLO and JANIS**® by Jimmy Johnson

JANIS!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I THINK SO...
WHY DIDN'T YOU LAUGH? THERE WAS A TIME YOU'D HAVE LAUGHED!
UH...MEA MY AGE LOSE THEIR SENSE OF HUMOR!

*Classic* **PEANUTS**® by Charles M. Schulz




**MONTY**® by Jim Meddick

E-Mail: JimMeddick@aol.com

**HI & LOIS**® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

OK PAL..GOOD LUCK WITH HER...
JUST LET ME KNOW IF SHE GIVES YOU ANY TROUBLE...
WELL?...
THE GOOD NEWS IS I TOLD YOUR EX I'M BASICALLY AN ASEXUAL NERD WHO YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN FOR FREE TECH SUPPORT AND HE BELIEVED ME...
WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS?
IT WAS REALLY, REALLY EASY TO CONVINCE HIM.

**BEETLE BAILEY**® by Mort Walker

I'VE NEVER HAD A HOLE-IN-ONE OR A PERFECT GAME IN BOWLING
ME NEITHER
T LANES
DON'T GET GREEDY. YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND 4 NICE KIDS.
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BROWNE

**BORN LOSER**® by Art Sansom

**GRIZZWELLS**® by Bill Schorr

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KEWPIE?
KEWPIE
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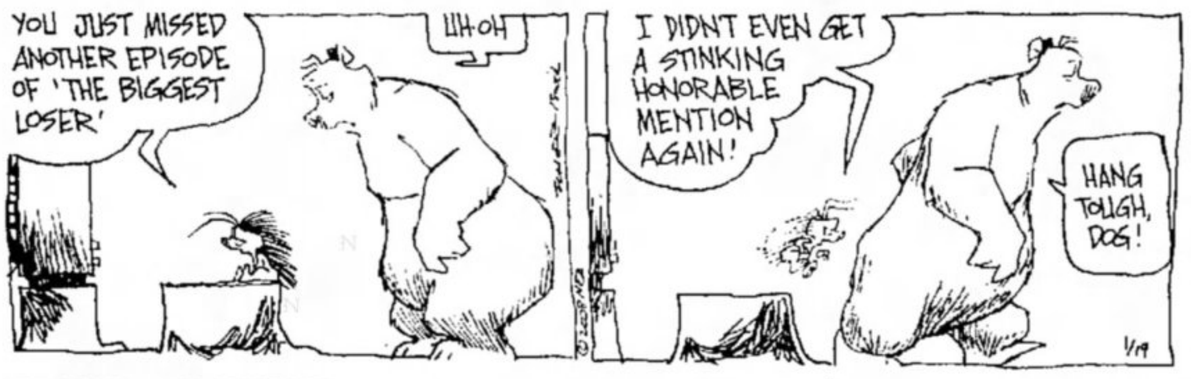
WE LEARNED IN SCHOOL THAT DOGS PERSPIRE BY HANGING THEIR TONGUES OUT AND PANTING...
SO I PUT SOME OF YOUR ANTIPERSPIRANT ON KEWPIE'S TONGUE!

**COW AND BOY**® by Mark Leiknes


YOU JUST MISSED ANOTHER EPISODE OF 'THE BIGGEST LOSER'
UH-OH
I DIDN'T EVEN GET A STINKING HONORABLE MENTION AGAIN!
HANG TOUGH, DOG!
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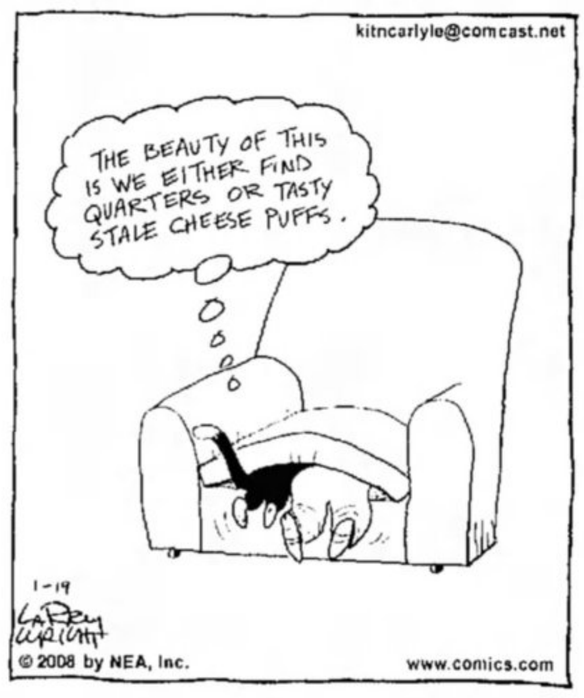
**FRANK and ERNEST**® by Bob Thaves

**HERMAN**® by Jim Unger

"I always sit behind her on the bus in case there's a head-on collision."

**KIT'N' CARLYLE**® by Larry Wright


kitncarlyle@comcast.net
THE BEAUTY OF THIS IS WE EITHER FIND QUARTERS OR TASTY STALE CHEESE PUFFS.
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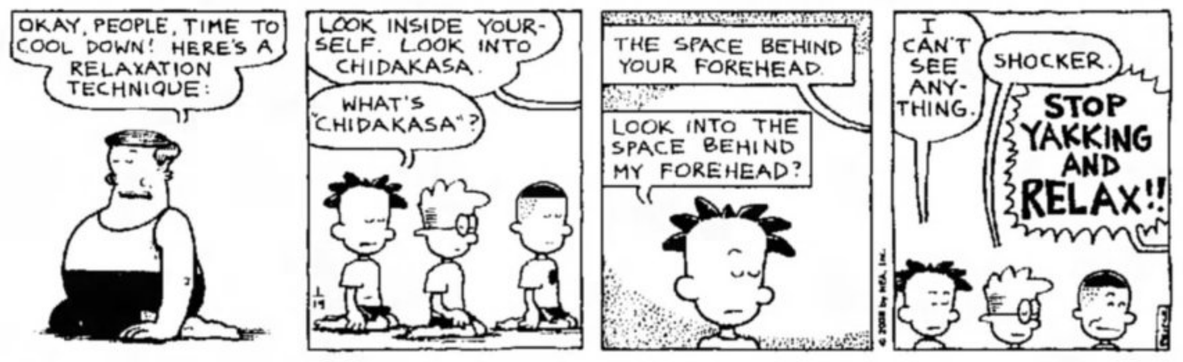
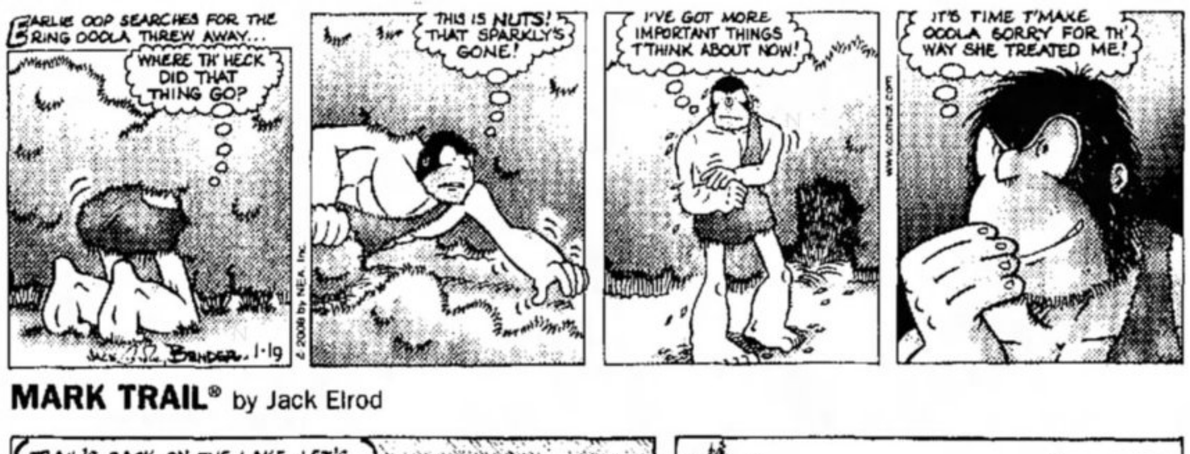
**SOUP TO NUTZ**™ by Rick Stromoski

Ya know BY EATIN' THAT apple, IT SYMBOLIZES THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE...
EATING FORBIDDEN FRUIT COULD CONDEMN YOU TO an ETERNITY IN THE Lake OF FIRE...
It'd Be a LOT easier TO RESIST IF INSTEAD IT WAS FORBIDDEN ASPARAGUS...
-STROMOSKI-

**BIG NATE**® by Lincolin Peirce


OKAY, PEOPLE, TIME TO COOL DOWN! HERE'S A RELAXATION TECHNIQUE:
LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF. LOOK INTO CHIDAKASA.
WHAT'S "CHIDAKASA"?
THE SPACE BEHIND YOUR FOREHEAD.
LOOK INTO THE SPACE BEHIND MY FOREHEAD?
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
SHOCKER.
STOP YAKKING AND RELAX!!

**ALLEY OOP**® by Dave Graue


ARLIE OOP SEARCHES FOR THE RING OOGLA THREW AWAY...
WHERE TH' HECK DID THAT THING GO?
THIS IS NUTS! THAT SPARKLY'S GONE!
I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS T'THINK ABOUT NOW!
IT'S TIME T'MAKE OOGLA SORRY FOR TH' WAY SHE TREATED ME!
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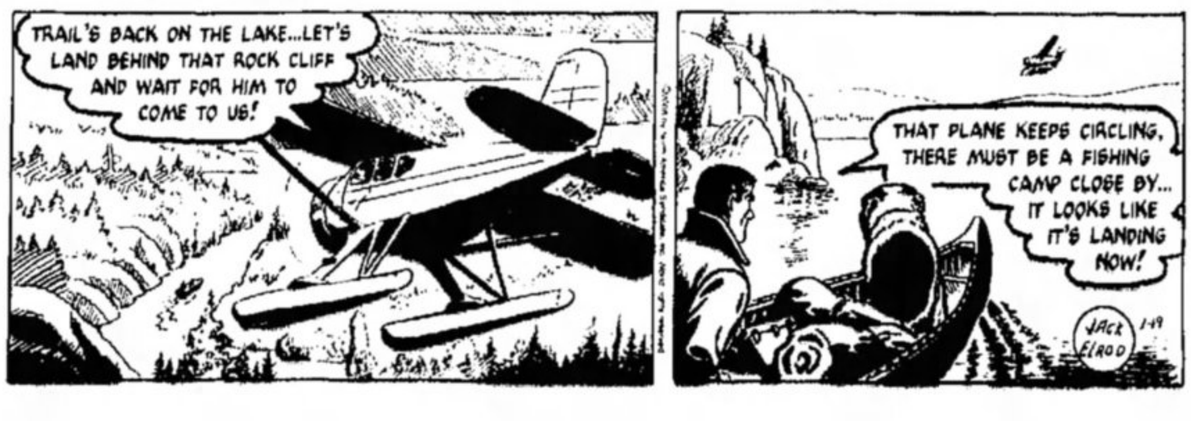
**MARK TRAIL**® by Jack Elrod


TRAIL'S BACK ON THE LAKE...LET'S LAND BEHIND THAT ROCK CLIFF AND WAIT FOR HIM TO COME TO US!
THAT PLANE KEEPS CIRCLING, THERE MUST BE A FISHING CAMP CLOSE BY... IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S LANDING NOW!
JACK ELROD 1-19

# The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Prosciutto
4 Mr. Cruise
7 Dingbat
11 Miss America host of yore
12 Admirer
13 Lectern
14 Browses, these days
16 Horse stopper
17 Fast ski run
18 Alan Ladd classic
20 Amigo of Fidel
21 Manager
22 Recess
25 Latch
27 Caviar, actually
28 Pirates' base
30 Razor feature
34 Gym iterations
36 Trampled
38 Pen supply
39 Swiss painter Paul —
41 Campaign topic
43 Seascape hue
45 Chess piece
46 Holland export
48 Expressions
52 Drench
53 Cone maker (2 wds.)
55 "Garfield" pooch
56 Coll. grad
57 Vehicle
58 Fuse together
59 Legal matter
60 Malt beverage

**DOWN**

1 Pullets
2 Obi-Wan player
3 Bulfinch specialty
4 To the point
5 Uncouth person
6 Tousle
7 Bar sing-along
8 Good or bad signs
9 Drama awards
10 "— Tiki"
12 Orchard unit
15 — as it is
19 Cable network
22 Fjord terr.
23 — been robbed!
24 Gown go-with
25 Rent, as a limo
26 El Dorado loot
29 Consumed
31 Insult, slangily
32 Veld grazer
33 Barely get by
35 Moved furtively
37 Tiara
40 Science class
42 Agitated state
43 Nest
44 Cower in fear
45 Less
47 Train for the ring
49 Fierce whale
50 Cookout
51 Arid
52 Sty matriarch
54 Percent ending

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| W | A | V | Y | | B | A | R | | F | L | E | A |
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| T | A | L | L | | U | M | P | | E | R | I | K |
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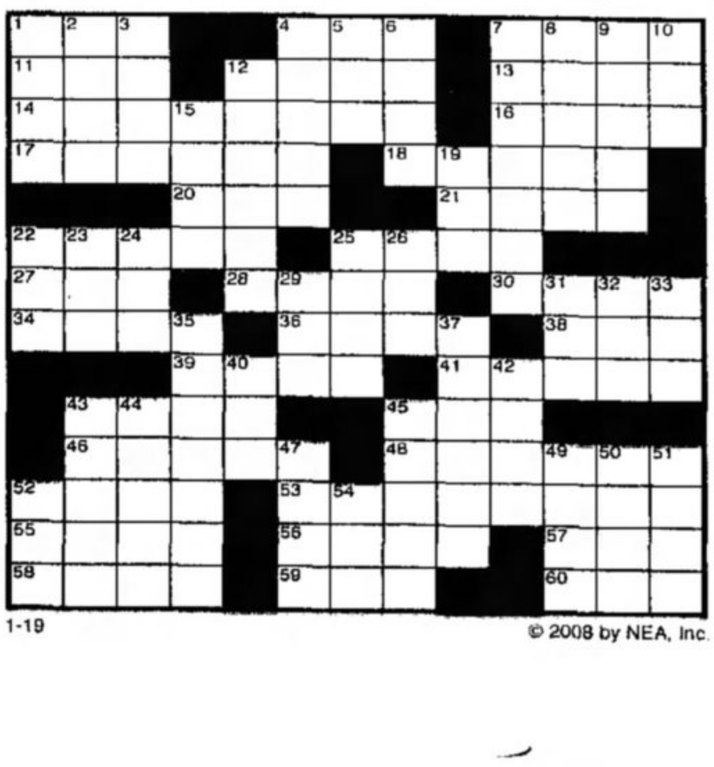

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# Woman balks at boyfriend's demand to cut off family

Dear **ABBY**

**DEAR ABBY**: I am a 23-year-old single mother of a 1-year-old son. My boyfriend wants to change my life. He wants me to delete all my friends and family from my cell phone and says I can see my family only once a month. (I am very family-oriented.) My boyfriend thinks that because I go and see my parents and sisters a lot that I don't "put him first."

I don't know what to do, because my son comes first. I understand the concept that once you find your true love, you move in with him and you're supposed to be happy. But he's never happy. He always finds something to argue about.

I work from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m., come home, take care of my son, clean the house, cook dinner and clean up afterward. I am at my wits' end trying to do everything and be a good mother and girlfriend. He loves my son, but he never offers to help me with bills or anything. He never buys me anything, only stuff for himself or my son.

I'm so confused right now, I don't know what to think. Please give me some advice. — **UNCERTAIN IN OHIO**

**DEAR UNCERTAIN**: Gladly. Do NOT allow your boyfriend to limit your telephone contact or visits with friends and family. This is a classic sign of an abuser, and so is constantly picking arguments. You appear to be doing everything in this relationship — cooking, cleaning, paying the bills. What exactly is he contributing?

A healthy relationship is a partnership in which both members pull their own weight. Unless your boyfriend is prepared to make some serious changes, you should move back with your family.

**DEAR ABBY**: My daughter, "Felicia," is 33 and still lives at home with her father and me. She's a wonderful person, has a great job and contributes to the house. Her father and I love Felicia and are very proud of her. However, we both feel that she needs her own place.

Every time we bring it up, Felicia says she would like to live here until she marries. Her dad and I have been married for 37 years, but we would like our privacy. What do you think? — **IMPATIENT MOM IN CHICAGO**

**DEAR IMPATIENT MOM**: I think you have been more than patient. The time has come for you and your husband to tell your fledgling she needs a nest of her own. Help her to find one, and do not allow her to stall any longer. You will be doing all three of you a favor.

**DEAR ABBY**: I love my mother. She and I go out to eat frequently. My problem is she sometimes makes loud comments about people who are seated near enough that they can hear her. I have seen some of them look at us after some of her comments.

Today she did it again, and I asked her either not to talk about the people loudly, or to do it after we leave the restaurant. She replied that she was not talking in that loud a voice, and now she's mad at me and not speaking to me. Was I wrong to ask her to lower her voice? — **UPSET IN UTAH**

**DEAR UPSET**: No. Your mother may have been embarrassed that you corrected her in public. She may also be in denial about the fact that she's suffering from some degree of hearing loss. You were right to tell her that she was being overheard. You would be doing her a favor to insist that she have her hearing checked by an audiologist — if only to prove you're "wrong."

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## SATURDAY EVENING

JAN. 19, 2008

| | 6PM | 6:30 | 7PM | 7:30 | 8PM | 8:30 | 9PM | 9:30 | 10PM | 10:30 | 11PM | 11:30 | 12AM | 12:30 | 1AM | 1:30 | 2AM | 2:30 |
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| CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ | News (N) | CBS Evening News (N) | (2) News/ (7) Entertainment Tonight/ (10) Inside Edition Weekend | (2) The Insider/ (10) Two and a Half Men | ★ ★ ★ Runaway Jury (2003) A juror, a lawyer and a mysterious woman stand in the way of a man trying to manipulate an explosive trial. | | | | 48 Hours Mystery "The Socialite's Secret" A secret love leads to murder. (N) | | News (N) | CSI: Miami "Hurricane Anthony" Three people are found dead after a hurricane strikes Miami. | | (2) CSI: Miami "Grand Prix" / (7) Without a Trace "Upstairs Downstairs" / (10) Cold Case "Yo, Adrian" | | (2) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk/ (7) Cold Case/ (10) Without a Trace | (2) Made in Hollywood: Teen Edition (11) | (2) Paid Prog./ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) At the Movies-Ebert & Roeper |
| ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM | (4) News/ (23) Paid | ABC's World News Saturday (N) | (4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Jeopardy! | (23) Wheel of Fortune "International Flavor" | ★ ★ ★ The Terminal (2004) Unauthorized to enter the United States, an Eastern European befriends a flight attendant while living in a New York airport. | | | | | | (4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N) | (4) Ebert & Roeper/ (23) Law/Ord SVU | (4) Access Hollywood (N) | (23) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N) | (4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly | Paid | Paid | (4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11/ (23) Paid |
| NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI | News (N) | (6) (11) NBC Nightly News (N)/ (9) Wrestling | (6) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)/ (11) Jeopardy! | (11) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire | (6) (11) Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Amends" Eames must re-examine her husband's murder. | | (6) (11) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fight" A girl's death may link to ultimate fighting. | | Law & Order "Called Home" Lupo leaves terrorist regions to return to a family terror at home. | | News (N) | Saturday Night Live "The Best of Tracy Morgan" Highlights from Tracy Morgan's seven years on the show. | | | (6) (9) Star Trek/ (11) Cops | (11) NASCAR Angels | (6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest | (6) Masterminds |
| FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH | (8) Paid/ (53) Two and a Half Men | (8) The King of Queens/ (53) Friends | (8) American Idol Rewind/ (53) Friends | (53) Seinfeld Jerry begs Elaine for second chance. | Cops Man walks in a fountain in Las Vegas. (N) | Cops A deputy discovers numerous infractions. | America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (N) | | (8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) | (8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men | Mad TV Former cast members return to celebrate the show's 300th episode. | | Talkshow With Spike Feresten Jordin Sparks. | Paid | (8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City | (8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City | (8) Dancing to a Better Body/ (53) Gathering of Old Men | (8) Innovative Home-Based Business Ideas |
| (13) WQED | Lawrence Welk: God Bless America Celebration of Lawrence Welk's 100th birthday. | | | | My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs A Doo Wop collection of romance and teenage love songs. | | | | | | Celtic Woman: A New Journey Singer Hayley Westenra joins Celtic Woman for a performance at Slane Castle. | | | | Rolling Stone Magazine: Voice of Our Generation Influence on music, comedy and film. | | | Rock 'n' Roll Circus |
| (19) WPCW | Cold Case "Yo, Adrian" | | Without a Trace "Upstairs Downstairs" | | Everybody-Raymond | According to Jim | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | The 10 O'Clock News | The Nightly Sports Call | Steelers TV | That '70s Show | That '70s Show | Girls Behaving Badly | Showtime at the Apollo Deemi Apollo Kids. | | Girls Behaving Badly | Paid |
| (22) WPMY | ★ ½ Chairman of the Board | | Family Guy | Family Guy | NFL Total Access (N) | | Control Room Presents (N) | | UFC Wired | | Paid | Paid | One on One | One on One | My Wife-Kids | Paid | Soul Train | |
| (40) WPCB | Something Fresh | | Breakthrough | Joseph Prince | Bananas | | Theater | Heritage | Van Impe | Quick Study | Wisdom Keys | ATF TV | Greater Works Outreach | | Theater | Extreme Life | Manna-Fest | Gospel Truth |
| (59) WBGN | TBA | Paid | TBA | Paid | The Collector | | Stargate SG-1 | | It's Alive! | | | | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid |
| A&E | Cold Case Files | | Cold Case Files | | ★ ★ ★ ★ The Godfather (1972) A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. | | | | | | | | ★ ★ ★ ★ The Godfather (1972) A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. | | | | | |
| ABCFAM | ★ ½ Bring It On Again (2004) | | | | Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006) | | | | Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006) | | | | ★ ★ ½ Sugar & Spice (2001) Premiere. | | | | Paid | Paid |
| AMC | ★ Death Wish 3 (1985) | | | | ★ ★ ★ Troy (2004) Achilles leads Greek forces in the Trojan War. | | | | | | | ★ ★ ★ Top Gun (1986) | | | | | ★ ★ ★ Death Wish (1974) | |
| ANPL | Animal Precinct | | Animal Precinct Dyed chicks. | | Avalanche Dogs (N) | | Fat Pets | | Amazing Animals | | Avalanche Dogs | | Fat Pets | | Amazing Animals | | Animal Precinct Dyed chicks | |
| BBC | Doctor Who "Fear Her" | | Doctor Who | | Doctor Who "Doomsday" | | Torchwood "End of Days" | | The Graham Norton Show | | Doctor Who "Doomsday" | | Torchwood "End of Days" | | The Graham Norton Show | | Doctor Who "Fear Her" | |
| BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | | Hell Date | Wayans Bros. | Wayans Bros. | Girlfriends | Girlfriends | Girlfriends | Girlfriends | ★ ★ ★ Fresh (1994) A boy tries to escape his violent surroundings. | | | | | Comicview | Crank Dat Year Back | |
| BRAVO | Project Runway | | Project Runway "On Garde!" | | Make Me a Supermodel | | ★ ★ ★ ½ The Hurricane (1999) Boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is wrongfully imprisoned. | | | | | | ★ ★ ★ ½ The Hurricane (1999) Boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is wrongfully imprisoned. | | | | | |
| CMT | ★ ½ Hope Floats (1998) | | | Crossroads Bon Jovi. | | Redneck Wed | Redneck Wed | Home Videos | Greatest Redneck Moments | | Redneck Wed | Home Videos | Home Videos | Home Videos | Home Videos | Home Videos | CMT Music | |
| CNBC | Paid | Paid | Deal or No Deal | | The Celebrity Apprentice | | The Suze Orman Show (N) | | Deal or No Deal | | The Celebrity Apprentice | | The Suze Orman Show | | Deal or No Deal | | Paid | CorEvolution |
| CNN | Lou Dobbs This Week | | CNN Special Coverage of the South Carolina Republican Primary | | | | | | Newsroom | | To Be Announced | | Larry King Live | | CNN Saturday Night | | To Be Announced | |
| COM | ★ Joe Dirt (2001) | | Scrubs | Scrubs | ★ ★ ½ Office Space (1999) | | | | Lewis Black: Black on Broadway | | | Christopher Titus Tour | | Reno 911! | Lewis Black: Black on Broadway | | | Reno 911! |
| COURT | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Evidence | Evidence | Arrest & Trial | Arrest & Trial | Hwood Heat | Hwood Heat | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Evidence | Evidence | Arrest & Trial | Arrest & Trial |
| CSPAN | Pres. Address | Commun. | America & the Courts | | American Perspectives | | | | | | American Perspectives | | | | | | C-SPAN Weekend | |
| DISC | Dirty Jobs "Geoduck Farmer" | | Dirty Jobs "Sludge Cleaner" | | Some Assembly Required | | MythBusters "James Bond" | | Smash Lab | | Bone Detectives | | Some Assembly Required | | MythBusters "James Bond" | | Smash Lab | |
| DISNEY | Han. Montana | Han. Montana | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Zack & Cody | Cory In House | ★ ★ ½ Sky High (2005) | | | | Zack & Cody | Han. Montana | Replacements | Kim Possible | Emperor New | Dragon | Buzz Light | Timon |
| E! | Donald Trump: THS | | E! News Weekend | | THS Investigates: Curse of the Lottery | | | | Saturday Night Live | | The Soup | Chelsea | Snoop Father | Snoop Father | Saturday Night Live | | The Soup | Chelsea |
| ESPN | College Basketball Clemson at Duke. | | | | College GameDay | | College Basketball Kentucky at Florida. | | | | SportsCenter | | Midnight | Fastbreak | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | |
| ESPNC | College Basketball Kent State at Ohio. | | | | Boxing: 1966 Ali vs. Chuvalo I | | | Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Wepner | | | 2006 World Series of Poker | | 2006 World Series of Poker | | 2006 World Series of Poker | | 2006 World Series of Poker | |
| ESPN2 | Billiards: Tourn. of Champions | | College Football East/West Shrine Game. From Houston. | | | | | | Tennis Australian Open — Early Round — Day 7. From Melbourne, Australia. | | | | | | College Football East/West Shrine Game. From Houston. | | | |
| EWTN | Mother Angelica-Classic | | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | Spin on Stem Cells & Cloning | | San Miguel | Holy Rosary | Fr. John Corapi | | The Journey Home | | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | Walk for Life, West Coast | | Spin on Stem Cells & Cloning | |
| FNC | Fox News Live | | Fox Report | | Geraldo at Large | | Special Programming | | Red Eye | | Jrnl Edit. Rpt | Beltway Boys | Geraldo at Large | | The Line-Up | | Red Eye | |
| FOOD | Giada's Italian Holiday | | Rachael Vaca. | Rachael Vaca. | Barefoot in Paris | | Rachael Vaca. | Rachael Vaca. | Planet Food "Italy" | | Iron Chef America | | Rachael Vaca. | Rachael Vaca. | Planet Food "Italy" | | Iron Chef America | |
| FSN | Penguins | Pregame | NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Montreal Canadiens. | | | | | FSN Live | Penguins | Final Score | FSN Pro Football Preview | | Toughest Cowboy (N) | | Final Score | Final Score | College Basketball | |
| FX | ★ ★ ½ Man on Fire (2004) | | | | ★ ★ ★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003) | | | | | | ★ ★ ★ Men of Honor (2000) The U.S. Navy's first black diver battles a crippling setback. | | | | | Married... | Build Wealth | Paid |
| GOLF | PGA Tour Golf | | Post Game | PGA Tour Golf Champions — MasterCard Championship — Second Round. | | | | | PGA Tour Golf Bob Hope Chrysler Classic — Fourth Round. From Palm Desert, Calif. | | | | | | Golf Central | PGA Tour Golf: Champions | | |
| GSN | Dog Eat Dog | | Greed | | Be a Millionaire | | How Much | Family Feud | Family Feud | Chain | Lingo | Whammy | Be a Millionaire | | Twenty One | | Body | Beat-Clock |
| HALL | Wild Hearts (2006) | | Straight From the Heart (2003) | | | | The Good Witch (2008) Premiere. | | | | ★ ★ ½ Follow the Stars Home (2001) | | | | Walker, Texas Ranger | | Walker, Texas Ranger | |
| HGTV | Get It | 24-Hr Design | House Worth? | House | Designed-Sell | Deserving | Color Splash | Divine Design | Design-Dime | Find Style | Color Correct. | Get It | Designed-Sell | Deserving | Color Splash | Divine Design | Design-Dime | Find Style |
| HIST | Mega Disasters | | Modern Marvels "Carbon" | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest "Birdzilla" | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | |
| LIFE | Mom at Sixteen (2005) | | ★ ★ ½ Beauty Shop (2005) | | | | ★ ★ ½ Beauty Shop (2005) | | | | Grey's Anatomy | | More of Me (2007) | | | | Paid | Paid |
| MSNBC | Tim Russert | | Double Lives Twins. | | Massacre at Closing Time (N) | | Lockup: Holman | | Lockup: Holman | | Massacre at Closing Time | | Lockup: Holman | | Lockup: Holman | | Tim Russert | |
| MTV | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | America's Next Top Model | | Best of Challenges | |
| NICK | Drake & Josh | Drake & Josh | Drake & Josh | Drake & Josh | iCarly (N) | Just Jordan | Naked | Drake & Josh | George Lopez | George Lopez | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince |
| OXY | ★ ★ A Cinderella Story (2004) | | | | Husband for Hire (2008) Premiere. | | | | Husband for Hire (2008) | | | | ★ ★ ½ Two Weeks Notice (2002) | | | | Bad Girls | Bad Girls |
| PCN | PA Public Affairs | | | | | | | | PA Public Affairs | | | | Pa. Books | | PA Public Affairs | | Deutsche Welle News | |
| PCNC | News | | News | News | Best of NightTalk | | News | | Best of Honsberger Live | | News | | Paid | Paid | News | Paid | Paid | News |
| SCIFI | ★ BloodRayne (2005) | | ★ ½ Resident Evil (2002) | | | | ★ ★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse (2004) Premiere. | | | | ★ ½ Resident Evil (2002) | | | | ★ ½ Route 666 (2001) | | | |
| SPIKE | Pros vs. Joes | | Pros vs. Joes | | Pros vs. Joes | | Pros vs. Joes | | Pros vs. Joes | | Pros vs. Joes | | TNA iMPACT! | | | | ★ ★ ★ City Slickers (1991) | |
| TBS | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | King | King | ★ ★ ½ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (2003) | | | | ★ Mr. Deeds (2002) | | | | ★ ★ ★ The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) | | | | ★ ★ ½ First Kid (1996) | |
| TCM | ★ ★ ★ ★ Rio Grande (1950) | | | | ★ ★ ★ ½ Pride and Prejudice (1940) | | | | ★ ★ ★ ★ Goodbye, Mr. Chips (1939) | | | | ★ ★ ★ The Valley of Decision (1945) | | | | | Random Hrvst |
| TLC | Property Ladder | | My First Home | | Flip House | Flip House | Flip House | Flip House | The Real Estate Pros | | Flip House | Flip House | Flip House | Flip House | The Real Estate Pros | | My First Home | |
| TNT | ★ ★ ½ Con Air (1997) Vicious convicts hijack their flight. | | | | ★ ★ Stealth (2005) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. | | | | | ★ ★ Stealth (2005) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. | | | | | ★ ★ ★ Executive Decision (1996) | | | |
| TOON | Ed, Edd | Squirrel Boy | Scooby-Doo | Courage-Dog | Goosebumps | Goosebumps | Naruto (N) | Naruto (N) | One Piece (N) | Dragon Ball Z | Bleach | Death Note | Full-Alchemist | Blood Plus (N) | Samurai | Big O | Bleach | Death Note |
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| USA | Psych | | Monk | | NCIS "Twilight" | | NCIS "Kill Ari" | | NCIS "Kill Ari" | | House "Airborne" | | ★ ½ Collateral Damage (2002) | | | | WWE A.M. Raw | |
| VH1 | Scott Baio 46 | | Rock of Love-Bret Michaels | | Hogan Knows | Hogan Knows | Hogan Knows | Hogan Knows | Scott Baio 46 | | Celebrity Rehab | | Rock of Love-Bret Michaels | | Fabulous Life Of... | | Web Junk 40 | |
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| WE | ★ ★ ★ ½ Forrest Gump | | Alien Abduct | Alien Abduct | Alien Abduct | Alien Abduct | Mediums | Mediums | John Edward Cross Country | | John Edward Cross Country | | Alien Abduct | Alien Abduct | Mediums | Mediums | John Edward Cross Country | |
| WGN | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Pets | Funniest Pets | Bulls Eye | NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. | | | | | WGN News | Reno 911! | Reno 911! | | 24 "Day 6: 8:00AM - 9:00AM" | | ★ ★ ½ Happy, Texas (1999) | |
| ENC | Benchwrm | ★ ★ ½ She-Devil (1989) | | | ★ ½ National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation | | Don't Be a Menace to South Central | | ★ ★ Fled (1996) | | | | | | ★ ½ Mother's Boys (1994) | | | Up the Creek |
| HBO | ★ ★ ½ The Lake House (2006) | | | | ★ ★ ½ Smokin' Aces (2007) Premiere. | | | | Comedy Jam | ★ ★ ½ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) | | | | Cathouse | ★ ★ Snakes on a Plane (2006) | | | |
| MAX | ★ ★ Reno 911!: Miami (2007) | | ★ ★ ★ Primary Colors (1998) | | | | | | ★ ★ ½ The Fountain (2006) Premiere. | | Coed Confid. | Passion Cove | | ★ ★ ½ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) | | | | The Fountain |
| SHOW | ★ ★ ½ The Weather Man (2005) | | | | ★ ★ ½ Last Holiday (2006) | | | | The Original Latin Divas of Comedy | | The L Word | | | .45 (2006) | | | ★ ★ Asylum (2005) | |
| STARZ | ★ ★ ★ Rush Hour (1998) | | ★ ★ ½ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006) | | | | ★ ½ Wild Hogs (2007) Premiere. | | | ★ ★ ½ Invincible (2006) The story of football's Vince Papale. | | | | | ★ ½ The Grudge 2 (2006) | | Talladega Nights: | |
| TMC | The World's Fastest Indian | | ★ ★ ★ Neil Young: Heart of Gold (2006) | | | | ★ ★ From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) Premiere. | | | | Masters of Horror "Pelts" | | ★ ★ From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) | | | | Masters of Horror "Pelts" | |

# FEATURES

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Faryna-Dann

**Rebecca Faryna & James Dann**

Michael and Deborah Faryna, of Donora, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh, to James Oran Dann, son of Jeffrey and Maureen Dann, of Buffalo, NY.

Faryna is a graduate of ICM School of Business with an associate degree in business management and is certified in interior design. She is employed by Phoenix Business Technologies Group as a technical operations manager.

Dann is a graduate of Duquesne University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed by First Commonwealth Bank as a client service representative.

A September 2008 wedding is planned.

## VALLEY CLUB NOTES

### Belle Vernon Goldenagers

Chaplain Betty Savarino opened the meeting with prayer followed by the flag pledge. Happy Birthday was sung to Frank Delia and Lydia Salvino.

Servers were Eleanor Duwall, Mildred Bethem, Ann Stralinski, Betty Savarino and Betty Maguire.

Patricia Beneccio, senior center specialist, named several events coming up at the Center on the Hill.

Rose Delia read the minutes from the last meeting.

Shirley Demko, treasurer, gave her report, which was approved as read.

Cards were sent to Bill Heath and Yvonne Kalie and Catherine Kabosky.

Shirley Fugo announced a trip to Wheeling Jan. 23. The bus will leave Hoss's Steak and Sea House at 9:45 a.m. A few seats are available. Call (724) 929-6659. A March 28 trip is available to Ohio for the musical "America Brett Family."

Servers for the Feb. 14 meeting will be Loretta Mitchner, Lydia Salvino, Edythe Ferencz, Mary Nega and Edith Forsythe.

Door prizes were won by Evelyn Bobbs, Eleanor Duwall, Betty Maguire, Loretta Mitchner, Sara Mitchell, Tom Nega, Betty Savarino, Mary Shaffer, Kay Wozniak and Erma Zema.

Rose Kander, president, wished all a healthy 2008. Betty Savarino welcomed the New Year with poems, "Always Remember" and "Clothes Lines."

The members enjoyed playing games.

Savarino closed the meeting.

### Charleroi Garden Club

The Charleroi Garden Club celebrated the holidays with a luncheon at the Back Porch in Speers. The tables were centered with pointsettia candle holders.

President Mary Jane Martucci welcomed the members and guests. She presented a Christmas reading that she had written for the occasion. White rose corsages were awarded to Martucci, JoAnn Celaschi and Sylvia Whiten for perfect attendance the past club year. The members each gave a monetary gift to support Lifeline, the club's annual Christmas project. After the lunch was served, a special gift was given to each member.

The club officers were in charge of the arrangements for the affair. The Garden Club will suspend its meetings for January and February and resume in March.

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## CALENDAR WATCH

### Sunday

■ St. John Altar Society of Perryopolis meeting, social center, following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

■ Pancake breakfast, Victory Hill Civic and Social Association, 27 Jones Lane, Carroll Township, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Pancake and sausage breakfast, Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Spaghetti dinner, Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 354, Cokeburg, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Pancake and sausage breakfast, Gallatin-Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Monday

■ Newell Municipal Authority meeting, borough building, 6:30 p.m.

■ New Beginnings Gastric Bypass Surgery Support Group meeting, Bentleyville Best Western, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■ Belle Vernon Area School Board meetings, District Administration Office, agenda meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m.

■ S.O.A.R. Chapter 15-12 meeting, Charleroi Fire Hall, 1 p.m.

## VALLEY GRAPEVINE

### St. Anne group to meet

The Christian Mothers of the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Thursday at the parish social hall.

### Highway safety program planned

Seniors for Safe Driving will hold a highway safety education program for seniors 55 and older 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Charleroi Senior Center. The successful completion of the program makes seniors eligible for a 5 percent discount on their automobile insurance premiums for a period of three years. To register, call 1-800-559-4880 or visit www.seniorsforsafedriving.com.

### Legion Post 659 to meet Thursday

The Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659 Ladies Club will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the post.

Bingo is held 7 p.m. Mondays at the legion.

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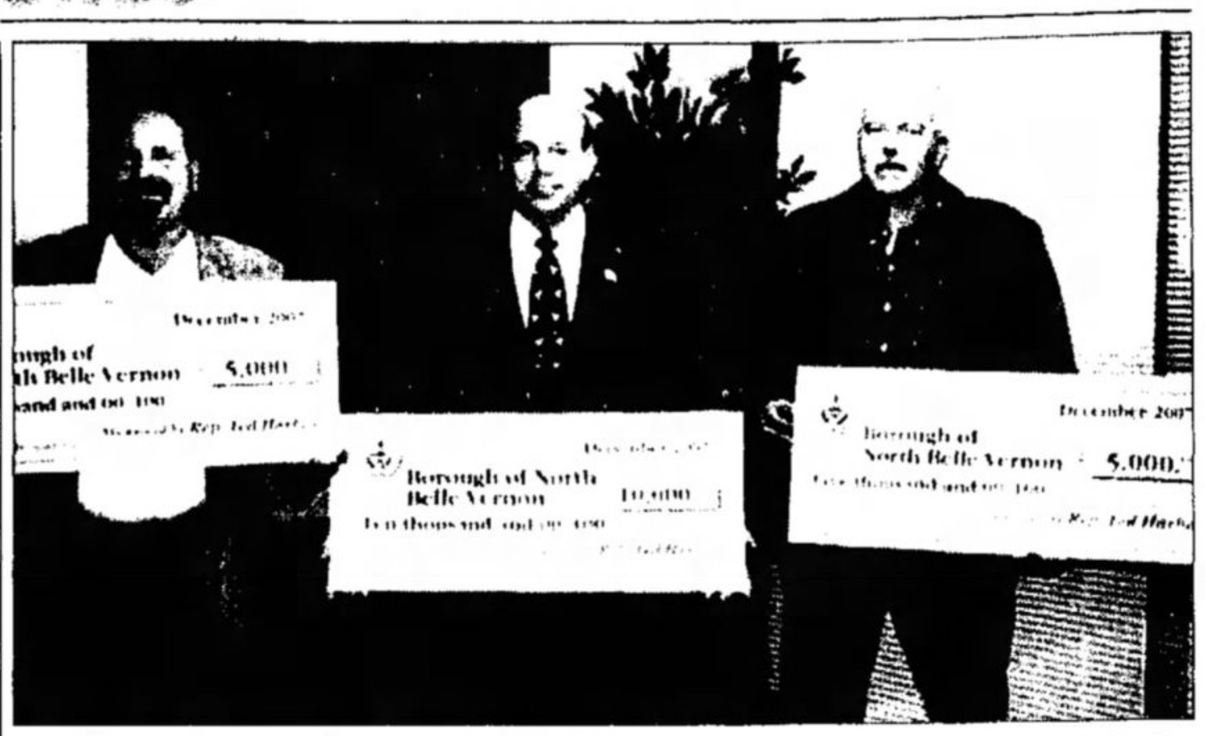

**State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, obtained grants for North Belle Vernon. Grants of $10,000 and $5,000 will be used for public works equipment. Another $5,000 grant will be used for parks and recreation. With the checks, from left, are Dennis Simboli, borough council president; Harhai; and Dennis Hill, public works department.**

**James C. Ford American Legion Post 949 in Carroll Township sponsored Christmas Treats with Santa. The luncheon menu comprised hot dogs, snack, coffee and punch. Pictured, back row, from left, are Alan Hupchick, American Legion Home Association president; Santa; Commander George Hutchko; and in front, Jamie Protz, daughter of Joyce and Jim Protz.**

*Wayne Ray/For The Valley Independent*

**The Fallowfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. presented its annual awards. The recipients, from left, comprise Kyle Blystone, junior fire chief; Ryan Waggoner: six-year service as a junior fire fighter; Richard Moze: Firefighter of the Year; Andrew Popelas, Volunteer of the Year and Line Officer of the Year; and Rick Pudliner, President's Award. Waggoner has attained regular firefighter status.**

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

*Today's clue: T equals V*

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## BIRTHS

■ **Longnecker** – Alyson (Coccari) and Jason Wayne, Belle Vernon, a daughter, Natalie Ann, Jan. 2, 2008, Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh. Maternal grandparents are Beth Ann Coccari, of Belle Vernon, and Robert Coccari, of New Kensington. Paternal grandparents are Belinda and Garmon Longnecker, of Belle Vernon. Maternal great-grandparents are Claire Fretz, of Monessen, and Robert Coccari, of Monessen. Paternal great-grandparents are Faustine Still, of Belle Vernon, and Garmon Longnecker Sr., of Sebring, Fla. The couple also has a daughter Amelia Claire, 2.

■ **Sedlak** – Thomas R. and Angela J., Peters Township, a son, Thomas Joseph, Dec. 29, 2007, Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh. Maternal grandparents are Annette and Sam Suppa, of Belle Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Loreen and Thomas Sedlak, of Pittsburgh. The couple also has two daughters, Anna Isabella and Allyson Rose.

# Author hopes to create new image for Christians

Donald Miller looked for spirituality outside the church.

By KELLI KENNEDY
*Associated Press Writer*

ORLANDO, Fla. — Donald Miller still loves God and Jesus. Don't misunderstand him.

His problem is with Christianity, at least how it's often practiced.

"It's a dangerous term so I try to avoid it," said Miller, who considered giving up his career as a Christian writer and leaving the church in 2003 because he couldn't attend services without getting angry.

For him, the word conjured up conservative politics, suburban consumerism and an "insensitivity to people who aren't like us." He sat in his boxer shorts and banged out a memoir of his experiences with God, stripped of the trappings of religion.

"Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality" sold just enough to pay a few months rent. Then five years later, spurred by a grass-roots movement of 20-something Christians longing to connect to God without ties to the religious right, the book became a sudden hit.

Fans were buying caseloads and passing out copies to friends. It peaked at No. 18 on The New York Times list of best-sellers among paperback nonfiction in November. He was mobbed by fans after a recent Young Life conference in Orlando where he addressed a crowd of roughly 4,000.

Christians tired of the "life is perfect" mantra of some churches, revel in his ability to talk unashamedly about smoking pot, living in a hippie commune and the notion that God isn't a Republican.

Supporters say Miller's authentic, graceful approach to God has finally given a voice to their brand of Christianity. The book also debuted at a time when the emerging church movement — which emphasizes the individual's faith experience and varied worship styles — is flourishing, signaling a fertile audience for such religious musings among more socially liberal evangelicals.

Watching TBN one night on TV, Miller, 36, realized the conservative religious network was many people's baseline for Christianity. He wanted to change that.

"These people are absurd. I've been a Christian all my life and I don't even know Christians this weird," said the Portland, Ore.-based writer, who is single.

In his book, Miller describes his disdain for the us vs. them mentality between Christians and non-Christians.

"I felt, once again, that there was this underlying hostility for homosexuals and Democrats and, well, hippie types. I cannot tell you how much I did not want liberal or gay people to be my enemies. I liked them," he wrote. "The real issue in the Christian community was that (love) was conditional ... You were loved in word, but there was, without question, a social commodity that was being withheld from you until you shaped up."

Dave Morton was also growing cold on the church when he picked up Miller's book.

"The perspective that was refreshing to me was that your Christian faith doesn't have to look exactly like everybody's else's," said Morton, a 28-year-old ski instructor from Bend, Ore. "It kind of inspired me to pursue God again with a fresh perspective."

Brad Jones, a 30-year-old youth pastor at a conservative Southern Baptist Church in South Florida, said he felt alone in his desire for more authentic dialogue about God.

"My thoughts on faith aren't really going along with everyone else and then I read this and said, 'That's what I've been thinking the whole time,'" he said.

Miller's book embraces cultural relevance, not cultural dominance, he said.

"The typical judgmental, hate-filled, bigoted, more people knew what we were against than what we were for," mentality has little to do with the real God, Jones said.

Some experts say Miller and authors like him are in sync with a generation of young adults who very much believes in God, Jesus and the basics of Christianity, but are struggling to balance their conservative Christian upbringings with a culture that embraces a go-along-to get-along philosophy.

"People like Donald Miller are speaking almost like a prophet of a new age and describing the landscape in a way people who feel comfortable in that landscape really couldn't articulate before," said David Kinnaman, a researcher for The Barna Group and author of "Unchristian."

Critics call Miller's works casual and glib and say he strays from biblical truths when he downplays homosexuality and other sins.

One such critic, Shane Walker, says Miller presents Jesus as a "nice fellow who meets one at the campfire and swaps stories."

Associated Press

**In this photo provided by Young Life, Donald Miller gestures as he speaks during a Young Life conference Jan. 12 in Orlando.**

## VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

### Altar Society plans Communion

St. John Altar Society of Perryopolis will receive Communion at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The rosary will be recited at 7:45 a.m. Lectors for the Mass are Carol Coldren and Paula Novobilsky.

### Mary, Martha Joy delays meetings

The Elizabeth Township and Monongahela Chapters of the Mary and Martha Joy Fellowship will not meet during January and February.

The Monongahela chapter will resume its meetings March 6 with the Rev. Tom Harding as guest speaker, and the Elizabeth Township Chapter will resume March 17 with the Rev. Mel Hileman as guest speaker.

### Special program set in Donora

Christ of God Ministries will present "Go Preach the Kingdom of God" 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Donora Senior Center, 700 Meldon Avenue. The program will be presented by Pierre Roddy.

### Day of Reflection set next month

The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, 999 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth Township, is sponsoring a series of "Day of Reflection" during 2008 with the first day being Feb. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Tom Rutkoski, founder of Gospa Missions, as the speaker. Sunday Mass will be included as will lunch for a donation. Call Sister Rosemary at (412) 751-8600 for information or reservations.

### Marion plans Friday meeting

Marion Presbyterian Church, 207 Perry Ave., Fairhope, will hold a congregational meeting Friday. A covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting.

### Christian Unity event planned

The Rev. Les Hutchins Jr., of the Speers United Methodist Church, 810 Jane St., Charleroi, invites the congregations of all local churches to share in a Day of Christian Unity, 7 p.m. Sunday.

Guest speaker for the evening will be the Rev. La Mar Carlson, Washington District superintendent of the United Methodist Churches. The program will also include the Revs. Frank Zeman, Fran Lane-Lawrence, Jim Linn, William Ingenfritz, Kathy Ross, James Ragan and Sister Wilma Kramer.

The Speers United Methodist Church is honored to take part in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the annual week of prayer for Christian unity. The inauguration of the "Church Unity Octave" in 1908 was introduced by an Anglican priest.

The theme "Pray without ceasing," has been chosen by the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches.

The congregations of all local churches of Washington County are invited.

A fellowship hour will be held in fellowship hall following the service.

For directions to the church, call (724) 483-2372 or (724) 483-2765.

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## NATIONAL CHURCH BRIEFS

### Schools shy away from Bible classes

MACON, Ga. (AP) — A growing number of Georgia public school systems are shying away from developing state-approved Bible classes.

The state school board finalized curriculum for the elective classes in March, but some districts say they'd rather leave that instruction to churches.

Other districts say they don't have the money for materials and staffing of a class on the Bible, or would have a difficult time finding a teacher who can teach the course without injecting religious views, a stipulation of the state.

"We found that since many of our students have such a strong spiritual upbringing that is firmly grounded in Christianity, there was very little interest on the part of the students to take such a class," said L'Angra Webster, a spokeswoman for the Hancock County school system.

Just a handful of the state's 180 school districts have agreed to offer the elective classes so far, but it's difficult to confirm just how many.

State officials say they'll have a better picture of what districts are offering the courses in June when systems send the state student records detailing what classes they are taking.

Georgia's school systems are the first in the nation to offer publicly funded Bible classes after lawmakers passed a bill allowing the courses in 2006.

Supporters say fully understanding history, literature and political science requires knowledge of the Bible. But critics such as the American Civil Liberties Union fear the classes could turn into endorsements of Christianity.

Lawmakers in Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas have considered similar plans this year, although none has received final approval. One proposal in Texas would require all high school students to take a Bible class.

### Ore. school district rejects class motto

BLUE RIVER, Ore. (AP) — A rural school district has banned a proposed motto for a graduating high school class because it contains a religious reference.

Some of the 90 seniors at McKenzie High School had been inspired by a Bible verse quoted at the August funeral of a classmate killed in an all-terrain vehicle accident.

The entire verse was: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles."

It was read at the memorial service for Ryan Snapp, who died Aug. 10 after hitting a tree in the alcohol-related crash. The students deleted any references to God in the proposed motto.

But McKenzie School District officials rejected the motto as too religious: "They that believe shall mount up with wings as eagles."

Brianna Rux, 17, one of the seniors, said the verse seemed fitting, given the school's mascot is the Eagles, and that class members have pulled together to rise above their grief.

"Ourselves being Eagles, it seemed a good way to describe who we are that no matter what we believe in, we can overcome," she said.

But the district's attorney, Bruce Zagar, advised that the motto not be allowed because both the U.S. and Oregon constitutions prevent public entities from taking any action that establishes, sponsors, supports or condones a religion or religious belief.


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SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of Monessen City Council, will be held on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Monessen Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2008 Budget and any other matters to come before Council.

Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
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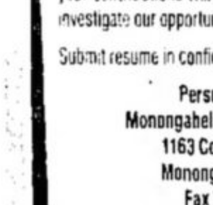

**SUNDAY, JAN. 20, 2008**

January 20 through February 18

**The year ahead will provide adequate outlets for your managerial and executive skills. Once you have chosen the one that is right for you, your talents and proficiency will lead to advancement in your chosen field of endeavor.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Of course you are entitled to adequate compensation or acknowledgement for your work, but don't expect more than it's worth. If you count on too much for your services, you will be greatly disappointed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Do not attempt to impose yourself upon a new group that hasn't yet invited you into their fold. If they are not ready to welcome you, you will be considered an intruder. Give it time and let events handle the acceptance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Many times it is wiser to keep your objectives to yourself, but you might discover that your associates could be a big help if they knew what you were thinking. Share your opinions with them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- When in a discussion with another and it appears this person's views strongly oppose yours, be smart and drop the subject. There is nothing to be gained by getting into an argument neither can win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you do not handle your resources wisely, you will end up creating a deficit when you could be developing a nice surplus for yourself. If you go broke because of it, don't blame anyone but yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Your ideas may be superior to those of your peers, but you won't be able to implement them without the cooperation of others. If you are willing to compromise, it's a good bet they will also.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Friends or family may be willing to help you accomplish your aims, but only after they see that you are doing everything possible to help yourself. If they don't feel this is true, you will be totally on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- What little luck might be around will have its limitations and isn't apt to do you much good, so don't push it. And remember, if others are involved and you go down, you will take them down, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Only through hard work can progress be made with regard to something in which you are presently involved. Unfortunately, you might figure this out far too late to do anything about it. Don't look for any free rides.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Be honest in your evaluation of the facts; for instance, don't boast about your accomplishments or attempt to rationalize your defeats. It will help greatly if you demonstrate that you know how to lose or win gracefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Joint ventures can be quite promising if they are executed properly. Take great care not to be irrational or indifferent about how to handle them or your losses could be larger than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Depending upon the conditions, you can work quite well with others, but you generally prefer to operate independently. If you can, follow the latter impulses; if you can't, be careful about how you handle colleagues.

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## 2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Solan, Anella B.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of ANELLA B. SOLAN a/d/a ANELLA SOLAN of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Letters testamentary for the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted therein to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Andrew H. Solan,
Executor
1153 Willowbrook Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
1/12,19,26

## 2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 175 OF 1974, THE "OPEN MEETING ACT" BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL HOLD THEIR REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2008 ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 P.M. PREVAILING TIME, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 154 SOUTH GREENGATE ROAD, GREENSBURG, PA.

MICHAEL L. WASHOWICH
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1/19

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## 2030/MEETING NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular monthly meeting of the Carroll Township Authority for the calendar year of 2008 have been set for the third Thursday of each month as follows.

February 21, 2008
March 20, 2008
April 17, 2008
May 15, 2008
June 19, 2008
July 17, 2008
August 21, 2008
September 18, 2008
October 16, 2008
November 20, 2008
December 18, 2008
January 15, 2009

The above noted meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Carroll Township Municipal Building, 130 Baird Street, Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. These meetings are open to the public. This notice is given pursuant to Act No. 84 of 1985.

Carroll Township
Authority
1/19

## 2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

2008 WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency announces its 2008 grant program arising from receipts of the County Hotel Tax. Washington County non-profits seeking funds for tourism promotion and/or tourism development may request guidelines by calling 724-228-5520 Ixning 724-228-5514, or emailing info@washwow.com.

Applicants' Letters of Interest (based upon WCTPA guidelines) must be received at the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency by 4pm, Friday, February 8, 2008.
1/18,19,21

LEGAL NOTICE

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is interested in identifying the availability of potential vendors capable of providing legal assistance services to persons 60 years of age and older, and their spouses, who reside in Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties. The term of the service shall be July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The successful vendor will be expected to provide a minimum of 8,000 hours of legal assistance and deliver the service from at least one accessible location in each county. Interested applicants must write for proposal material. Letters should be addressed to Leslie Grenfell, Executive Director, Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc., 305 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022-1607 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008.
1/18,19,21,22,23

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Borough of Charleroi is accepting applications for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Appointment for a 5 Year Term. Applications must be in the Borough Secretary's Office by Feb. 6, 2008 at 12:00 P.M.

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Elaine T. Martinko
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1/15,19,24

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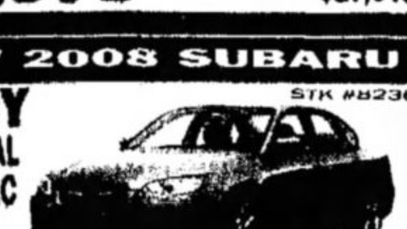
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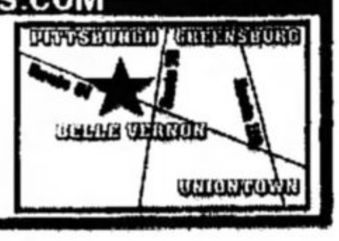




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